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Rainfall, Weather and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather; State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 3rd January 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
	BENGAL.		
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 6th* Jan. 1874	Nil	Weather cold and clear. The late rice crop reaped and nearly gathered. Recent enquiries in the interior show that the outturn would be between six and a half and seven annas for the whole district. There is great improvement in the look of the cold weather crops. Owing to increased exportation the price of rice is daily rising. Fever same as before.
2	Bancoorah, 3rd „ „	Nil	Weather clear and cold. Nothing new to note about the crops since last report.
3	Beerbhoom, 3rd „ „	Nil	Dry and clear weather. Rice harvest home; average total yield of the entire district about eight annas. 10,125¼ maunds exported by rail to Patna and Bhaugulpore Divisions during the week ending 27th December last. Prices show a slightly rising tendency.
4	Midnapore, 3rd „ „	Nil	Weather fair; wind constantly changing. No change of importance; the outturn of the late rice is on the whole closely corresponding with the amount estimated, though in some places rather better, in others rather worse. The large quantity of paddy forced into the market to pay rent has induced a decided fall of prices, and at all the large marts the price is now Rs 2 per maund of cleaned rice. Cold weather crops certainly not worse than expected.
5	Hooghly, 3rd „ „	Nil	Clear throughout; wind from north and north-east. Reaping of rice is nearly over. Potato and other cold weather crops promising.
	Howrah, 3rd „ „	Nil	Weather continues fair and colder than before. The late rice crop has been nearly all reaped. The results may be taken to be as follows: In thannahs Ooloobereah and Shampore twelve annas, in Bagnan ten annas, in Ampta and Doomjoor eight annas, and in Jugatbullubpore and Khanacool four annas. Boro rice has been sown over a much larger area than usual, and is doing well so far as it has gone. Exportation of rice from the district going on as before, *i.e.*, the rice is exported almost as soon as it is cut.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 6th† Jan. 1874.	Nil	Clear and cold. There has been no change since last report. The harvest of the late rice crop has not been completed. Cold weather crops sown in patches doing fairly well, but they require rain. Fever of the ordinary kind prevails in Barrackpore and still continues in Baseerhat. It has been abating in Barreepore and Baraset. One death from cholera reported at Dum-dum.
7	Nuddea, 3rd „ „	Nil	The weather was cloudy on the 28th and 29th December last. Rain fell at Kooshtea on the former day and a few drops elsewhere; the rest of the week was fine. Except as regards the sudder sub-division prospects have not altered. In the sudder sub-division it appears that the outturn of the late rice crop is considerably less than four annas as previously estimated, and that excepting arhur (pulse) and teel (oil-seed), the cold weather crops will not yield an outturn of more than two annas.
8	Jessore, 3rd „ „	·66	Clear and cold for the most part, with heavy fogs night and morning. A shower fell on the night of the 28th December last in all the sub-divisions. The paddy crop is nearly all harvested and the outturn is, as previously reported, at least an eight-anna one on the average. The prospects of the winter crops are not worse than before. The rain of the 28th December last has done them some slight good. There is a good deal of exportation going on from the various marts. There is no rise in the price of rice worth mentioning.
RAJSHAHYE DIVISION. 9	Moorshedabad, 3rd „ „	Nil	Weather bright and cool. There was a drizzle at Rampore Haut, Jungipore, Burwa, and Gowas on the 27th and 28th December last. The late rice harvest has been completed. The average outturn for the whole district is six annas; the yield for the northern thannahs having to some extent compensated for the great failure in the west. Cold weather crops are much in want of rain; the drizzle of the 27th and 28th December having been scarcely sufficient to lay the dust. Prices show a decided rise during the week. Small-pox prevalent in parts.
10	Dinagepore, 3rd „ „	·32	Clouds and showers for a couple of days; the weather has since cleared up; rain heavier in other parts of the district than at head-quarters. Paddy nearly all cut; the rain has done good to the cold weather crops, which have germinated. The sowing of boro paddy begun. Prices are rising. Some cases of cholera reported before the rain fell.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*) *Central Districts.*—(*Contd.*)			
Rajshahye Dists.—(*Contd.*) 11	Maldah, 3rd Jan. 1874	0·24	Threatening, with rain on the 28th December last. Fine and very cold during the rest of the week. The rain which fell on the night of the 27th and morning of the 28th December, seems to have been general, though slighter to the south and west than to the north and east. It has done much good. Had the fall been heavier the prospect of a good crop of wheat, barley, peas, &c., would have been safe; as it is, these crops are still looking very well in many places and promise an average yield. The kalai (pulse) and mustard have been better than was expected and promise a fair yield. Boro paddy is being transplanted; the area under cultivation this year is considerably larger than usual. Prices stationary.
12	Rajshahye, 3rd „ „	·01	There was again slight rain in parts of the district on the 28th December last, not sufficient to be of any good. The weather has been cold and the dew heavy. There is no change in the prospects of the cold weather crops. Kalai and moong (pulses), sugarcane and teel (oil-seed) (early crops) are being reaped, and have given a very fair outturn. Boro paddy cultivation continues to be carried on, and the prospects are good at present. Prices of rice have not varied much generally. In Godagaree and Pooteah a rise is reported to the extent of 2 seers and in Manda of 1 seer per rupee. Cholera is abating, except in Boraigong quarter where there are still many cases.
13	Rungpore, 3rd „ „	·38	Rain on the 28th December last at Gychanda; the fall was ·71; elsewhere to the west, north, and north-east the fall was heavier, and in some places there was hail. The rain has done good to wheat, tobacco, and other crops. There is a large crop of mustard and potatoes. Rice is dearer—from Rs. 3·6 to Rs. 5 per maund. In the north of the district, where there has been the best crop, the price is rising owing to exportation to Dinagepore and Purneah.
14	Bogra, 3rd „ „	·38	Rain fell on the night of the 27th December last, and on the morning of the 28th: afterwards fine and no signs of rain. The recent fall of rain, though too late to do good to the rice, was decidedly beneficial for the cold weather crops, and has encouraged the people with respect to them. Cutting of the paddy nearly finished. Expected average yield of sugarcane fourteen annas.
15	Pubna, 3rd „ „	·08	Very cold; sky was cloudy and it rained slightly on the 27th December last. Harvesting of the (Boron amun) late paddy has nearly been finished. The people are now collecting mashkalai (pulse) Teel (oil-seed) crop has been cut. The prospect of other cold weather crops, such as wheat, barley, linseed, gram, and mooshuree (pulse) is unfavorable, owing to the long and continued drought. The slight shower of rain which fell during the week has done no good to them. The ryots have finished sowing cheena (millet) and are sowing boro paddy in the low chur lands. The cheena plants still present a tolerably healthy appearance, but if it does not rain soon this crop will not do well.
Cooch Behar Dists. 16	Darjeeling, 3rd „ „	Nil	A sprinkling of hail, rain, and snow; alternate fog and sunshine with strong wind, occasionally in the sudder station. In the Terai there has been slight rain, which will do no good to the very young crops. The rice crops have been gathered in to the extent of about three-fourths. Prices of most of the grains have fallen during the week. The young crops promise well if no more rain falls at this season.
17	Julpigoree, 3rd „ „	·15	Slight showers in the early part of the week. Hail fell at Doobjhora in the Dooars; the weather has been colder since the rain, but on the 2nd January clouds came up and it is warmer and looks like more rain. Rain fell at Bodda on the 28th and 29th December ·56, attended with hail in places, which is said to have somewhat damaged standing paddy, tobacco, and mustard. Rain will have had beneficial effect in the south of the district. The hail is said to have done some damage to the paddy in the Dooars. Generally there is little change Prices are in most places beginning to rise owing to exports. The general feeling in the district now is that the extent to which exportation has gone on, and is going on, may lead to distress, but this feeling in no way checks export.
	Cooch Behar ...	.....	Return not received.
Dacca Division. *Eastern Districts.* 18	Dacca, 6th* Jan. 1874	Nil	Weather cold and cloudy, slight rain fell in places. Prospect of crops as before. Health improving.
19	Furreedpore, 3rd „ „	Nil	No rain since last report, excepting what the instrument itself could not gauge. Nothing to add to the last report, which was a very full one. The weather was cloudy and a few drops fell on the morning of the 3rd instant, but it has again cleared up. Winter crops are of course worse from the continued drought, and the late rice harvest is gathered in. Rice is very plentiful at Goalundo.
20	Backergunge, 3rd „ „	Nil	Weather cold. The harvest is nearly over. The rice traders at Backergunge say that the crop is four annas short and the exportation is as yet not greater than in ordinary years. The cold weather crops look pretty well.
21	Mymensing, 3rd „ „	·61	Rain on 29th December last was general throughout the district, but more plentiful in the east than in the west; the 30th was cloudy; the sky since then has been clear till the 3rd January, when the clouds are again beginning to gather and there seems a chance of more rain. The rain has had a good effect both on the crops now on the ground and in facilitating the preparation of land for the boro paddy. The reports from the interior of the district are generally favorable, and the price of food has fallen during the week. Cholera has nearly disappeared from Kishengunge. There is still fever in Attea, but it is not so prevalent as before.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Eastern Districts.—(Contd.)		
Dacca Divn.—(*Contd.*) 22	Sylhet, 27th Dec. 1873	Nil	Little colder than last week. Subsequent telegram reports about *60 inches of rainfall on the 28th December last. Weather stormy. Cold weather crops will benefit. About three to four annas of the late rice crops remain to be cut. 3,000 maunds of rice and 5,000 maunds of paddy exported last week. Rice falling in price. The outturn of zillah Hingajea is reported to be a fair average crop. A little cholera and small-pox in Laskarpore, Sankerpasha, Chattack, and Nabegunge.
23	Cachar, 27th „ „	Nil	Fair weather. Occasional dark clouds gather, but quickly disperse; no fogs in or around the sudder station in the mornings. More than half the paddy has been cut, and that which is still standing promises well. The price of common rice in the sudder station has been raised by four annas a maund over that of last week.
Chittagong Division. 24	Chittagong, 27th „ „	Nil	Fine and seasonable weather. Prospects of crops generally favorable.
25	Noakhally, 27th „ „	Nil	Fair weather. In the southern and eastern parts of the district the reaping of the late rice is far advanced. In the northern side the harvest is more backward. The cold weather crops are stated to be doing well. Prices at and near the sudder station are much the same as in previous week; at the outlying markets they have slightly fallen.
26	Tipperah, 27th „ „	Nil	Weather very cool and fair. Common rice has fallen to Rs. 2 per maund. In Brahmunbariah, about which the greatest anxiety was felt, it has fallen to Rs. 1-14 a maund in spite of exportations being still made on a large scale. The correctness of the later reports seems to have been verified.
27	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 27th Dec. 1873.	Nil	Cold throughout the week and foggy in the morning. The gathering of the cotton crop has nearly finished; the prospects of the mustard and other cold weather crops are good.
	Hill Tipperah, 27th Dec 1873.	Nil	Bright and cold, with chilly winds from the north-west. No change to report; reaping of the paddy crop on low lands continues. Prices stationary.
BEHAR.			
Patna Division. 28	Patna, 5th* Jan. 1874	·02	Weather very cold; a slight rain fell in the Sudder, Barh, and Behar divisions, but not enough to do much good to the crops. The state of the crops satisfactory. General health good.
29	Gya, 3rd „ „	·06	Weather cool. A slight rain is reported to have fallen during the week over the whole of the district, but it was too slight to do much good. Towards the northern and the eastern parts of the Aurungabad sub-division it appears to have been a little heavier than in other parts. The prospects of the cold weather crops continue good, but rain is much wanted. Health of the district good.
30	Shahabad, 3rd „ „	Nil	Rain threatened on two or three days of past week, but nothing that could be called a shower reported. No change for the worse in the cold weather crops reported, except that to the south of Khudea they are said to be drying up. The high west wind prevailing is likely to injure the peas and moosoor (pulse) now in flower. Cheena (millet) being sown in irrigated lands in Sasseeram.
31	Tirhoot, 3rd „ „	·03	Very cloudy in the early part of the week, and on the 2nd and 3rd instant light clouds and high west winds. In the Seetamarhee sub-division there was ·50 inches of rain on the 27th December, which is reported to have somewhat benefited the spring crops. A sixteen-anna crop of rahur and koorti (pulses) is expected. Sugarcane being cut, is very fair. Poppy is backward. The cold weather crops all round will not exceed six annas. In parts of the Jaleh thannah the ryots have commenced sowing cheena (millet) and moong (pulse). In the Durbhangah sub-division, the rainfall on the 27th December was ·48 inches at head-quarters but not more than ·05 in the centre tracts. It has caused no material change for the better in the state of the crops, which are much as they were last week. The surface of the soil only is said to have been moistened. In the Madhoobani sub-division the prospects of the crops continue to be very bad. The fall of rain, ·04, has been too little to do any good at all. The Deputy Collector fears the cold weather crops will utterly fail, and that only a little rahur (pulse) may survive. In the Hajeepore sub-division there was ·08 fall of rain on the 28th December last, which has done good to the cold weather crops, a six-anna crop of which is expected. The small rainfall in the sudder sub-division has been of no use to the crops. The cold weather crops are much stunted: with rain there may be a four-anna outturn, otherwise only two annas.
32	Sarun, 3rd „ „	·03	Cold and seasonable, and at times cloudy but no rain; west wind prevailing. The cold weather crops in the irrigated lands still continue good, but on the unirrigated lands the yield can be but little without adequate rain on an early date. Rahur (pulse) excellent; poppy doing well. Irrigation steadily going on where practicable. No complaint of actual scarcity in the bazars, but the imports are decreasing, and prices have in consequence risen; exports also are being largely made to Chumparun and Tirhoot. People are being largely employed on relief works.
33	Chumparun, 3rd „ „	·20	Weather cold, west winds and cloudy. On the 27th December last there was a shower of rain, but unfortunately too slight to be of much good; there has been no rain since.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)				
Behar Districts.	34	Monghyr, 3rd Jan. 1874	·04	Very cold. Slight rain on 2nd instant, not enough to lay the dust. A sharper shower at Sheikhpoorah. Three hours rain followed by hail at Buklitearpore Slight rain, ·03, at Begusarai. The rain, small as it has been, has done good. The heavy dews keep the cold weather crops still green and healthy. Rice crop in Jamui cut and yield estimated at two annas.
	35	Bhaugulpore, 6th* ,, ,,	Nil	Strong and very cold, north-westerly wind, and very cloudy. On the 2nd January a few drops only of rain fell. Prospects of the cold weather crops so far are generally very good. General health unusually good.
	36	Purneah ...	.....	Return not received.
	37	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 3rd Jan. 1874.	·01	Clouds about, weather warmer, wind from the west. Nothing to add with regard to crops since last eport.
ORISSA.				
Orissa Division	38	Cuttack ...	.....	Return not received.
	39	Pooree, 27th Dec. 1873	Nil	Fair and cool. The harvest of the late rice is in progress, and the outturn is a fair average The Daluo rice crop is being sown. The cold weather crops are growing well. Sugarcane is being cut and gathered with good outturn. Purchases of rice for export continue, but the market has been stationary and the supply is equal to the demand Prices are yet moderate in the mofussil. The new Loghu (or second rice crop) rice is now being bought up for export, and has not yet come into the market for home consumption.
	40	Balasore, 3rd Jan 1874	Nil	Seasonable weather; the paddy crop has almost entirely been cut. In Chackla Kamarda, the rice crop is reported to have been injured to the extent of four annas. Rice selling at Jellasore at 28 seers, at Bhudruck 26 seers, and Balasore 25 seers. The cold weather crops, except about Jellasore, are reported to be fair. Public health good.
CHOTA NAGPORE.				
		South-West Frontier Agency.		
	41	Hazareebaugh, 3rd Jan. 1874.	Nil	Cloudy and unsettled; there was a little rain generally throughout the district on the 27th and 28th December last. The little rain that has fallen has proved beneficial, but more is required to be of much use. No material difference in the price of grains.
	42	Lohardugga, 3rd Jan. 1874.	Nil	Mild, with rain threatening; slight rain reported from parts of the district, but not enough to do much good to the cold weather crops. From Palamow nearly an inch of rain is reported, and there were signs of a further fall. The cold weather crops are reported as being still in fair condition; the rain has doubtless done very much good.
	43	Singhbhoom, 27th Dec 1873.	Nil	Clear and bright weather; nights cold. The rice has all been harvested Outturn as already reported. Torof Porihati in Dulbhoom and the Colehan are the only parts of the district in which anything like distress is apprehended. In the rest of the district there has been sufficient for local requirements. The cold weather crops in Dulbhoom and the Colehan have been great failures.
	44	Manbhoom, 3rd Jan 1874.	Nil	Cold and dry weather. No change in the prospects of the crops since last week; still no rain. Rice sells here at 16 to 18 seers per rupee. Public health good.
ASSAM AND ADJACENT HILLS				
	45	Goalpurah, 27th Dec. 1873.	Nil	Weather clear and sunny; mornings generally foggy. About half of the winter rice crops has been reaped. Nothing new in regard to the outturn is known. The zemindar of pergunnahs Chappur, &c., says that the ryots of Reepoo and pergunnahs Chappur and Kusbey Geela will be able to support themselves by the early and late rice crops of the year 1873 till the early rice crop of 1874 is gathered. New rice has appeared in the markets, but has not decreased the price. Mustard is looking pretty good. Ploughing for early rice and cheena and kaon (millets) is on the progress.
	46	Kamroop, 5th† Jan 1874	Nil	The weather was cool and pleasant, and cloudy at times. The late rice is being reaped, the outturn expected to be below average. Sugarcane and mustard crops also are not promising for want of rain. Public health good.
	47	Durrung, 27th Dec. 1873	Nil	Foggy mornings, hazy days, wind of variable duration; on the 26th December thunder to the north. No alteration in the state of the crops since date of last return. Rain still much wanted.
	48	Nowgong, 27th ,, ,,	Nil	Seasonable weather, with dense fogs at nights and in the mornings. Rice crop nearly all cut and stored. Kalai (pulse) doing fairly. Mustard and sugarcane very good. Pruning of tea bushes being actively carried on. General health good.

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ASSAM AND ADJACENT HILLS.—(*Contd.*)			
49	Seebsaugor, 27th Dec. 1873.	Nil	Nights and mornings cold, the latter also foggy. There were a few drops of rain on the evening of the 26th December, and the last day or two has been cloudy. The rice crop is nearly all cut. The outturn, so far as is known, is about what was expected.
50	Luckimpore, 27th Dec. 1873.	Nil	Weather remarkably fine; heavy fogs in the mornings. Rice crop nearly in, and the harvest fair save in one or two exceptional localities, though rain is much wanted. Public health good.
51	Naga Hills, 20th „ „	Nil	Weather cool and dry, but much warmer than on the plains. There has been no rain, nor is there any sign of any. All the crops are cut, and the hill people are cutting new jooms.
52	Khasi & Jynteah Hills, 27th Dec. 1873.	Nil	Weather cool. Prospects of the murwa (millet) crop still continue good.
53	Garo Hills, 27th Dec. 1873.	·06	Weather cold. During the early part of the week cloudy, there was a sharp shower of rain on Monday afternoon. Jooming going on. Cotton crop nearly all harvested, and already much of it is in the market.

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BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division. 1	Burdwan, 13th* Jan. 1874	Nil	Weather bright. No change in the prospects of cold weather crops. Price of common new rice little cheaper. Exportation continues. Fever declining.
2	Bancoorah, 10th „ „	Nil	Very raw and chilly, with north wind. The mustard and pea crops are in pods; the prospects of the cold weather crops seem better in the north than elsewhere. Sugarcane will be poor owing to want of water.
3	Beerbhoom, 10th „ „	Nil	Cold and clear weather. No alteration in the state and prospects of the crops Exportation by rail to Patna and Bhaugulpore divisions increasing; Bhulpore and Mullarpore stations alone showing an export of 12,300 maunds for the week ending 3rd instant; the returns from other two stations have not yet been received. Prices showing a rising tendency.
4	Midnapore, 10th „ „	.....	Fine and cold weather. State and prospects of crops unchanged. The decline in prices induces a general feeling of confidence that no serious crisis will occur. As this decline is due to special and temporary causes, too much reliance should not be placed on it.
5	Hooghly, 10th „ „	Nil	Clear throughout the week. Wind from north-east and westerly one day; dews very heavy. Rice crop reaped; the average outturn will be not more than six annas. Potatoes and cold weather crops are better than was expected, though much below the average yield.
	Howrah, 10th „ „	Nil	Fair and cold weather There is nothing to add on the late rice crop. The boro rice promises well. The cold weather crops of the district are always insignficant in amount, and it is probable that they will be short even of the usual amount this year.
	Central Districts.		
Presidency Division. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 13th† Jan. 1874.	Nil	Bright days and cold nights with heavy dews, with the exception of Monday, when the weather became warmer. The harvest of late rice on the high lands is about to be completed. The boel paddy will be now cut. No change in the general prospects. Ordinary fever still prevails at Dum-Dum. It is abating at Barriepore. One case of death from cholera has been reported from Dum-Dum and two from Bhangor.
7	Nuddea, 10th „ „	Nil	Fine weather throughout the week. Nights very cold. Very little doing at present. Arhur (pulse) is being cut and is yielding a fair crop everywhere. No material change in prices or prospects of crops since last report.
8	Jessore, 10th „ „	Nil	Clear and cold weather. Paddy nearly all reaped. Nothing new to report of the outturn or of the prospects of the winter crops. No important rise in prices.
Rajshahye Division. 9	Moorshedabad, 10th „ „	Nil	Weather cold. There has been no change since last report, except that where there was no rainfall at the end of last month, the cold weather crops are somewhat worse. The harvest operations being nearly complete, there has been greater demand for labour and more hands have been employed on the relief works. Cases of individual distress have been reported in some parts of the district. At head-quarters the prices of rice are—best rice, 9-4, and common rice, 12 seers per rupee. Small-pox prevails in parts.
10	Dinagepore, 10th „ „	Nil	Very cold; no rain. The cold weather crops, such as mustard, sugarcane, are fairly good, especially the latter; wheat is poor. Potatoes good. Prices in *statu quo*.
11	Maldah, 10th „ „	Nil	Weather clear; nights very cold; there is no sign of a further rainfall at present. The rain of the 27th and 28th December last, however unequal to the requirements, being rather general throughout the district, did much good to the surviving winter crops Kalai (pulse) is being reaped in certain places; wheat, barley, peas, &c., still look well. Transplanting of the boro paddy continues. Whatever the outturn be of the winter crops, much depends on the boro rice. Prices remain unchanged to any perceptible degree, but slightly have a tendency to rise, especially as regards rice. Supplies plentiful for local requirements.

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RAJSHAHYE DIVN.—(*Contd.*) 12	Rajshahye, 10th Jan 1874	Nil	The days have been cloudless and nights unusually cold during the week, with only moderate dews. The ploughing of lands for boro paddy cultivation is now completed. The transplanting of the young plants into moist places, such as partially dried up tanks and beds of water-courses, is going on by degrees. The plants which were transplanted some little time since are in some parts withering, and in other parts are not yet affected much by the prevailing drought. The later cold weather crops, such as wheat, barley, cheena (millet), some of the pulses and linseed, are not flourishing, being stunted in growth to some extent. The mash-kalai (pulse) crop, which is nearly all carried, has been very successful. Of the standing crops, mustard growing on high spots gives the best promise. The ganja crop in the north of the district is reported first-rate. In no places have prices fallen. Rice is dearer than it was last week—in Mandah by three seers, in Tanore by one seer, and in Nattore by 1½ seers. In Nuggur, north of the district near Namgam, a great mart, it sells at 19 seers, and at Durgapore, about the centre of the district, at from 9 to 10 seers. Cholera is subsiding in the parts where most cases have occurred lately. An outbreak is however reported in a fresh place of the Mandah police station.
13	Rungpore, 10th „ „	Nil	Morning foggy, days clear and cold. The mustard crop is being gathered and the people are subsisting on its proceeds. Generally cold weather crops are good, but more rain is wanted. Rice is rather scarce owing to purchases for private consumption, but as a rule the price is the same, Rs. 3-12 to Rs. 5 per maund.
14	Bogra, 10th „ „	Nil	Dry and fine weather, no more rain. The cutting of the paddy has been nearly finished. Mulberry in Bograh thannah is looking good. Sugarcane in Bograh and some other thannahs has been nearly reaped, and a thirteen or fourteen-anna yield is expected.
15	Pubna, 10th „ „	Nil	Very cold. Sky clear; a chilly wind blew from north-west. The reaping of the Boron late paddy has not as yet been finished. The ryots are now collecting and cutting the mashkalai (pulse) and winnowing the teel (oil-seed) crop. The prospects of other cold weather crops, viz., wheat, linseed, barley, gram, mustard, and moosory (pulse), are not as favorable as in ordinary years owing to want of rain. Peas and khesaree (pulse) look well. Cheena (millet) sown and boro paddy is being transplanted in shallow beels, and sowing jully paddy on low chur lands. Rain is much wanted for most of the cold weather crops, and it would lead to much improvement. Fever somewhat less.
COOCH BEHAR DIVN. 16	Darjeeling ...	.....	Return not received.
17	Julpigoree, 10th „ „	Nil	Fine weather, but less cold than it should be at this time of year. Cold weather crops promise well, but in some places in the Dooars tobacco is said to be attacked by grubs. More rain is now needed. Price of rice is rising all over the district owing to the active export being carried on.
	Cooch Behar 3rd „ „	Nil	Very cold. No improvement in the prospects of the cold weather crops since last report.
	Eastern Districts		
DACCA DIVISION. 18	Dacca, 13th „ „	·19	Weather cold till Monday; heavy fog Monday morning and ·19 rain during the night. Prospects of crops fair. This rain will do much good. Very cloudy at the time of the report.
19	Furreedpore, 10th „ „	Nil	Bright, clear sunshine throughout the week; weather very cold, with strong northerly wind The prospects of winter crops, of pulses, continue very bad; from the continuous drought they are fast maturing, and the outturn, as before estimated, will not exceed quarter of an average year. The cereals, wheat, and barley, being harder are not parched up as yet, but require rain very much; even a slight shower would prove beneficial to these, though it would do scarcely any good to the pulses Prices of rice rising in some markets with upward tendency everywhere, inports, except at Goalundo, having ceased. Agriculturists in this part of the district are disheartened on account of the low prices obtained for concrete molasses from date and sugarcane, which is now selling at Rs. 1-10 to 1-12 per maund, whereas last year at this season it realized from Rs. 2-8 to 3 per maund.
20	Backergunge ..	.....	Return not received.
21	Mymensing, 10th „ „	Nil	Clear and cold but with foggy mornings. The outturn of mustard and pulses is reported fair from every quarter.
22	Sylhet, 3rd Jan. 1874	·07	Very cool during nearly the whole of the week. There was rain in the northern part of the district, which appears to have freshened up the cold weather crops. About two annas of the late rice crops remain to be cut. The transplantation of the boro crop commenced. About 4,000 maunds of rice and 6,000 maunds of paddy have been exported to Calcutta and other places. Cholera still prevailing at Chattuck, and there are new cases at Hingajea. A few cases of small-pox at certain villages close to Nabigunge. Cholera reported from Sunkerpasa of 15 cases, 7 deaths.
23	Cachar, 3rd „ „	·39	Very cool since the rain of the 28th and 29th December last, and foggy in the mornings. Three-fourths of the paddy has been cut; so far the actual outturn has exceeded the estimate. The Deputy Commissioner thinks that there will be a twelve-anna crop. Price of rice remains the same as last week, viz. Rs. 2-8 per maund.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Eastern Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
CHITTAGONG DIVISION. 24	Chittagong, 3rd Jan. 1874	A few drops.	A few drops of rain on Monday night. Remainder of the week fine and cool. Little paddy is now standing. Cold weather crops are reported to be doing well. Cholera still prevalent in many places.
25	Noakhally, 3rd „ „	·3	Weather cold and fine. The harvest is rapidly progressing, and nothing affecting the outturn is reported The slight rain has benefited the winter crops. Common rice has fallen in the sudder station. In other parts of the district prices are stationary.
26	Tipperah, 3rd „ „	·12	Weather cloudy and very cold, with slight rain. The results of the harvest on the whole show that the prospects of the rice crop were under-estimated. The price of rice continues to fall in the north of the district, though this was the place where privation was most apprehended.
27	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 3rd Jan. 1874.	·18	Very cold throughout the whole week; a slight fall of rain on the 30th December 1873. The cotton has been gathered. The crop is said to have been about an eight-anna one owing to the early cessation of rain. The prospects of the mustard crop are good. The slight fall of rain has done it ample good.
	Hill Tipperah, 3rd Jan. 1874.	·11	Cold and seasonable weather, occasionally cloudy during the latter part of the week; a slight shower on 29th December 1873. Paddy crop harvested, estimated at one-half of the average. Chillies, mustard, &c, fair.
BEHAR.			
PATNA DIVISION. 28	Patna, 12th* Jan. 1874	·39	A good fall of rain on the night of the 11th instant; if it was general the cold weather crop ought to be quite safe throughout the district. The reports regarding the crop were quite satisfactory even before the rain. Health of the district good.
29	Gya, 10th „ „	Nil	Very cold. The paddy is being harvested. The prospects of the cold weather crops are good. Artificial irrigation is being carried on wherever it is practicable. The lands along the banks of the Soan canal promise a good crop. The total area irrigated by canal water is reported to be 24,586 beegahs.
30	Shahabad, 10th „ „	Nil	No rain; weather bright, west wind, and unusually cold. The frost and west wind have slightly damaged the pea and mooscor (pulse) in Bhubboa and Buxar. In Sasseeram the cold weather crops will be a very full crop on irrigated lands, but will fail on sandy soil. Fodder becoming scarce in Dunwar Pergunnah.
31	Tirhoot, 10th „ „	Nil	Seasonable cold. Westerly wind prevailing. In Seetamurhi the weather has been cold and the prevailing wind westerly. The sub divisional officer states that frost has fallen for two nights, which will somewhat harm the rahur. After the rain that fell last week, ryots in some villages began preparing the grounds to sow cheena (millet) and moong (pulse), and in other places commenced sowing cheena, moong, and kowni (millet). In low lands "dhaie" in Shewhur jurisdiction, ryots are able to sow a little cheena, but not in other parts of the division. In neighbourhood of Madhnapore koorthi (pulse) has been reaped eight annas crops. But there is distress in some villages, and sixty persons are reported to have emigrated with their families from a Soorsund Raj village to a village further south in the division, and seven persons of Mouza Purra belonging to Barahi Mahanth on the frontier and other village, and eight Assamees of Ooturs, Pergunnah Loutun, fled to Nanpore. In Madhubani the dhan crop has been reaped. Rubbee badly off for want of rain; four annas perhaps have been sown. Rahur promises comparatively well. Mozufferpore sub-division.—Weather very cold. The state of the cold weather crops continues unaltered. The little rain of last week has not revived agricultural work in this sub-division. Paddy reaping is over. No work for labourers in fields The cold weather crop of low lands is getting on pretty well, that of high lands is withering for want of rain. In the Tajpore sub-division things look more gloomy than ever, except in the Pergunnah Balagutch, where the crops still promise well. The wheat and barley in Surressa seem to make no progress except in the south-west corner of the pergunnah. They cannot last much longer without rain, but rain now would not be an unmixed good, as it would damage the rahur. No change in tobacco.
32	Sarun, 10th „ „	Nil	Until the 9th January, weather very cold, with frosts at night. Warmer on the 9th and 10th; west wind prevailing. The cold weather crops in the irrigated lands still promise well, but on unirrigated lands the crop is stunted and thin, and under any circumstances can yield but little Mustard, peas, and rahur have been injured by the frost, and high west winds have somewhat damaged others crops also in parts of the district. Poppy doing well except in Hutwah Raj, where it is reported to be dying off. Irrigation steadily going on where practicable, but many wells and tanks have dried up, and irrigation can no longer be maintained to the same extent. No complaint of actual scarcity in the bazars Prices of best rice, jowar, and grain, have slightly risen. Exports to Tirhoot and Chumparun continuing. Numbers on relief works increasing.
33	Chumparun, 10th „ „	Nil	West winds and cloudy. The prospects of the cold weather crops have not improved; some portion reported to be drying up in the Bettiah sub-division. Government grain arriving. People are being largely employed on relief works.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
Bhaugulpore Divn. 34	Monghyr, 10th Jan. 1874	Nil	Set fair with westerly winds. No change since last week It has been since telegraphed that rain fell six hundredth of an inch on the morning of the 12th instant. The rice has all been cut. The Jenera crop lately gathered has been a good one; the cold weather crop on low lands and dearahs looks well, and an average crop is expected. The wheat on high lands has come into ear and is stunted. The other grain crops on high lands are also generally stunted. Rahur, tobacco, mustard, and castor plants are looking well.
35	Bhaugulpore, 13th* „ „	·07	Clouded on the 12th instant, with slight showers; heavier rain may have fallen in the district. Cold weather crops still promise well, but require rain. General health very good. No distress.
36	Purneah, 5th „ „	·37	Very cold and cloudy on the 28th December last when rain fell; cloudy again and very cold on the 2nd instant, afterwards cold and clear. In the south the mustard has turned out very well; in the centre and north of the district it is not quite so good, but an unusually large area has been sown with it. In Kudbah and Kushah Amour, where there has been the greatest failure in the rice as before reported: it is estimated that double the quantity sown with cold weather crops in ordinary years has this year been sown. Thirteen annas of the crops now on the land in these two thannahs is mustard. The remaining three annas is wheat, oats, linseed, gram, and moosoor and kurthi pulses; the latter is poor, the grain wants body. On the whole not more than an eight-anna crop has been gathered. The gram, linseed, and moosoor pulse having been sown late, have not germinated well. Not more than half the wheat and oats which were sown early (that is about the quantity ordinarily sown) have germinated well, that sown later has in many places failed; the plants have either not come up at all, or have turned yellow, are very small, and look very sickly. With rain before February a ten-anna crop is anticipated on the whole. In the neighbourhood of Kudbah, potatoes and other vegetables have been sown and are doing well. The rain of the 28th was not so abundant in Kushah Amour as further south; in some villages the Collector has seen to have had scarcely any. In Kudbah it did good to the late wheat and the vegetables. In Arrareeah all agree that the rain has been very beneficial. The wheat here is said by the sub-divisional officer to be looking remarkably well, and 95 per cent. of that sown, which is two-thirds as much again as is ordinarily sown, is said to have germinated. The Collector says that this is too sanguine an estimate; it is probably the case on the Koosi, from whence the Deputy Magistrate wrote. Taking the whole sub-division, the Collector thinks a fourteen-anna crop may be expected. The rain was heavy on the Koosi, but it was less further south-east. Mr. Forbes of Sooltanpore reports the price of rice to have fallen since the rain to twenty seers per rupee; this too is near the Koosi. From Kissengunge the reports are not so favorable as from Arrareah. Tobacco there as elsewhere looking well. No rain will be of any use after February 15th.
37	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 10th Jan. 1874.	Nil	Cold, but of unsteady temperature. The Deoghur sugarcane has given a bad yield. Complaints of want of water frequent. It is likely to be the first difficulty.
ORISSA.			
Orissa Division 38	Cuttack 13th* Jan. 1874	Nil	Weather cool; prospects of crops good; public health good.
39	Pooree, 3rd „ „	Nil	Fine and cool, with occasional south winds. The harvest of the late rice crop is fast approaching completion, and the outturn is a fair average. The dalua crop has been half sown. The cold weather crops are coming on well. Purchases of rice for export are going on. The market is easy and the supply equal to the demand as yet.
40	Balasore, 10th Jan. 1874	Nil	Seasonable weather. The rice harvest is over; the yield, though not first-rate, has not disappointed expectations, and, taking the district as a whole, has not fallen far short of the average. If the crop has been a failure in the high lands close to the hills, the low lands on the sea shore have produced excellent crops, having escaped the floods which frequently destroy them. Fever prevails to some extent.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
41	Hazareebaugh, 10th Jan. 1874.	Nil	Very cold, with strong westerly wind during the early part of the week; clear and bright in the latter portion. The prospect of the cold weather crops is being reported as tolerably fair. Wheat is being irrigated where practicable, but water is scarce. Price of grain remains unchanged. Small-pox is prevalent in the eastern Pergunnahs of Juggessur, Chungurrah, and Rampore.
42	Lohardugga, 10th Jan. 1874.	Traces of rain on one occasion	Bright and very cold weather. Still no rain in the Sudder Division, and consequently the prospects of the cold weather crops have not improved. There have been one or two slight showers of rain at Palamow, but frost latterly, which has injured the ruhur pulse; the wheat crop has been attacked with some kind of smut in a few places.
43	Singbhoom, 3rd „ „	Nil	No rain, clear and bright. Nothing to add to report of last week.
44	Maunbhoom, 10th Jan 1874.	Nil	Bright, cold, dry, cloudless sky. No sign of rain. The outturn of rice for the whole district may be estimated at a nine-anna crop. Exportation is going on to a great extent from those parts where the crop has been most plentiful to Raneegunge and Raghunathpore, and prices are rising in consequence. The outturn of sugarcane has been about ten annas, kurthe pulse six annas, biri pulse four annas, sirgoojah oil-seed four annas, and teel oil-seed six annas; wheat and barley, of which a larger area than usual is under cultivation this year, are looking very well. Public health good.

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ASSAM AND ADJACENT HILLS.			
45	Goalparah, 3rd Jan. 1874	·12	Some slight showers of rain fell on the 28th December last. It was heavier at Dhoobree and in the interior. The weather was cloudy till the 3rd January. Mornings sometimes foggy. The late rain has been beneficial to cheena and kaon (millets) which are being sown; it has, however, partially injured pulses and mustard, but the former are cultivated to a small extent. Nothing new is known as to the outturn of winter rice besides an eight-anna crop on the whole. No injury was done to cotton which yielded a good crop.
46	Kamroop ...	.....	Return not received.
47	Durrung, 3rd „ „	Nil	Frequent fogs and heavy dews; wind very variable; thunder to the north. No alteration in the state of the crops since last report. The mustard crop is an inferior one; the kalai (pulse) and sugarcane fair. Considerable disease among cattle in the most eastern parts of the district has lately been reported.
48	Nowgong, 3rd „ „	Nil	Weather seasonable; heavy fogs at nights and in the mornings. Rice crop almost all cut and gathered in. Mustard and sugarcane crops fine and promising. General health of the district good. A few cases of small-pox in a very mild form reported.
49	Seebsaugor, 3rd „ „	·25	Weather for the most part cloudy; rain on the 28th and 29th December and 3rd January. Since last report there have been a few showers of rain, which will do good to the mustard crop. Rice crop nearly all gathered.
50	Luckimpore, 3rd Jan. 1874.	·23	The week was gloomy and cold, with one or two bright days; weather changed again on the 3rd instant and looks like much rain; very cold. Crops nearly in. Public health good.
51	Naga Hills ...	.....	Return not received.
52	Khasi & Jynteah Hills, 3rd Jan. 1874.	6	Since the 29th December rain has fallen at intervals, and once at night heavily, and the aspect of the weather is still threatening rain. Millet is the only crop still standing, and most of it has been cut, and will soon be housed, and the outturn of the cereal is, if anything, larger this season than it was last year; and with regard to food-grains there is no scarcity; the markets are well supplied and prices falling.
53	Garo Hills, 3rd Jan. 1874.	·39	It has been cloudy during the early part of the week; a few drops of rain fell on Monday and Tuesday during the afternoon. As far as it is known, the cotton crop is wholly collected. Jooming still continues.

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Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 24th January 1880.

No.	District, and date of return	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
Burdwan Div. 1	Burdwan, Jan. 24 '80	Nil	Weather— fair and cool. *Rubbee* crops good everywhere except in Raneegunge, but rain much wanted. General health good.
Burdwan Div. 2	Bankoora, „ 24 „	0·18	Weather—warm at beginning of week. Moderate rain with hailstones on 23rd cooled air since. To-day (24th) strong west wind prevails. Cold-weather crops looking well. Gathering of early mustard commenced in places. Sugarcane fast ripening and progressing favorably. Public health good. A few cases of small-pox and cholera still in Bishenpore sub-division.
Burdwan Div. 3	Beerbhoom, „ 24 „	0·30	Weather—hotter than usual till rain fell. Cold-weather crops promise well. Cow-pox still prevalent in several villages. A few cases of cholera in north.
Burdwan Div. 4	Midnapore, „ 24 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable State and prospects of crops favorable.
Burdwan Div. 5	Hooghly, „ 24 „	0·24	Weather—warmer. A thunderstorm on 23rd. Prospects of cold-weather crop continue good. A few cases of small-pox still in parts of district.
Burdwan Div.	Howrah, „ 26 „	0·07	Weather—cooler than last few days. State and prospects of crops favorable.
Burdwan Div.	Mohesrekha ..	0 10	
	Central Districts.		
Presidency Div. 6	24-Pergunnahs, Jan. 24 '80	0·05	Weather—not seasonable; hot weather set in before its time. *Amun* harvest over. *Boro dhan* being transplanted. Winter crops promising. Health fair.
Presidency Div. 7	Nuddea, „ 24 „	Nil	Weather—warm in early part of week, latterly cold. Slight rain on night of 23rd. Winter crops good; in some places harvest nearly over. Prices falling. Public health good.
Presidency Div. 8	Jessore, „ 24 „	0·66	Weather—seasonable and foggy in mornings. Slight rain last night (23rd); more wanted. Prospects of winter crops favorable Health generally good.
Presidency Div. 9	Moorshedabad, „ 24 „	0·68	Weather—cold. Prospect of crops good. Rain of 23rd will do good to winter crops. Fever in a mitigated form still prevalent in thana Burwa. Cholera in a milder type in Sujagunge and Kaliangunge police stations.
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar Divs. 10	Dinagepore, Jan. 23 '80	0 83	Weather—cool and cloudy. A hailstorm on morning of 20th caused slight damage to crops. Sugarcane being pressed. *Maskalai* all cut. Mustard in seed. Mangoes in blossom. Small-pox and cholera in some places.
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar Divs. 11	Rajshahye, „ 24 „	0·30	Weather—foggy in mornings. Rain at close of week Paddy harvesting nearly completed; outturn more than an average. Reaping of *Maskalai* continues. Common rice 16 seers per rupee.
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar Divs. 12	Rungpore, „ 23 „	1·36	Weather—cold and cloudy. State and prospects of winter crops continue good, and recent rain has been beneficial. Public health good.
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar Divs.	Gaibanda ...	0·53	
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar Divs.	Bagdogra ...	0·60	
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar Divs.	Kurigram ...	1 29	
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar Divs. 13	Bogra, „ 24 „	0·47	Weather—cloudy and cold. Some rain on 20th. Harvesting of *amun* nearly completed; outturn excellent. *Kherachi* thriving.
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar Divs. 14	Pubna, „ 24 „	0·24	Weather—cool. Foggy in morning, with a little rain on 23rd. Spring crops promise well. Public health good.
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar Divs. 15	Darjeeling, „ 24 „	0·67	*Haimanti dhan* almost all harvested; outturn will be somewhat less than last year. Prospects of mustard, wheat, barley, and other minor crops good.
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar Divs. 16	Julpigoree, „ 24 „	0·5	Weather which was misty has cleared Reaping of *dhan* almost completed; good harvest obtained Wheat, barley, mustard, tobacco, and potatoes in good condition In Patgram jute and sugarcane backward.
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar Divs.	Cooch Behar, „ 23 „	0·31	Some rain on 20th. Mornings foggy; weather cold as usual. Rain has improved prospects of tobacco, wheat, pulses, and other crops. People can now plough fields for early rice. Public health generally good Small-pox cases here and there.
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar Divs.	Mathabhanga ...	0·13	

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
Rajshahye Divs.—(*Contd.*) 12	Rajshahye, 17th Jan. 1874	·15	Slight rain fell in most parts of the district on the night of the 11th and on 12th January, but was insufficient to have effect on the winter crops. The weather is extremely cold, the thermometer in the open air at night (15th—16th instant) having fallen to one degree above freezing point. The state of the crops has undergone little or no change since last report. They are still capable of giving a fair outturn with moderate rain any time during the next three weeks. Prices of rice have been stationary except in the south-western quarter of the district, where there has been a rise to the extent of four seers, caused probably by large exportations to other parts of the district and to decreased importations. Cholera has considerably abated.
13	Rungpore, 17th „ „	Nil	Mornings foggy and cold, days bright, and temperature moderate; bright, cold. The price of rice varies from Rs. 3 to 4-8 per maund. Slight distress is reported from thannahs Gobindgunge and Borobari. From most of the thannahs the wheat and tobacco crops are reported as being good. The late fall of rain has done a great deal of good.
14	Bogra, 17th „ „	Few drops not appreciable by the gauge.	Fine and cold weather. Rice is nearly reaped. Sugarcane in Bogra and three other thannahs is expected to yield thirteen or fourteen annas. Mulberry in Bogra thannah is looking good. Mustard in Panchhelie and Dhunhat has been reaped; eight or nine annas yield reported.
15	Pubna, 17th „ „	Nil	Excessive cold; on the night of the 12th instant the sky was cloudy and only a few drops of rain fell from it; a chilly wind blew from the north-west direction. Harvesting of the boron late paddy has been finished. Mashkalai (pulse) and magi shorisa (early mustard) are being cut and collected. The produce of the former may be estimated at half of an average year. The winnowing of the teel (oil-seed) crop has not yet been finished. Sugarcane, which is well grown this year in the Pubna sub-division, is being reaped. The turmeric and arhur (pulse) will also give a fair produce of an average year. The prospects of the other cold weather crops, viz. wheat, barley, gram, linseed, mustard, peas, are not favorable. The prospect of the khesaree (pulse) is fair. The sowing of cheena (millet) has been completed. Boro (pulse) is being transplanted to shallow bheels and sowing jully paddy is going on in chur lands. Rain is urgently required for the improvement of the cold weather crops that are still in the fields, and specially for cheena and jully paddy. Fever on the decline. Cholera reported in few places.
Cooch Behar Div. 16	Darjeeling, 17th Jan. 1874	Nil	A sprinkling of snow and hail and a few drops of rain. Bleak cold weather. The hymanti or late rice is still being reaped. The new rice is being brought into the market. The prices of principal articles of food are much the same as last week.
17	Julpigoree, 17th „ „	Nil	Fine, cold and seasonable weather. No change. Rain would be of advantage to the cold weather crops, such as tobacco, mustard, &c., which are however promising fairly. Export continues briskly and prices rise.
	Cooch Behar, 17th „ „	Nil	Rather cold. Reaping paddy is nearly over. The outturn will probably come up to the previous estimate of a ten-anna crop all round. Tobacco and mustard seed, the chief cold weather crops, promise well.
	Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Divisions. 18	Dacca, 20th* Jan. 1874	·19	Weather cold; rain of Monday week general; slight good done by rain, but more wanted. Prospects fair.
19	Furreedpore, 17th „ „	·35	All last Sunday southerly wind prevailed which brought up clouds on Monday, ending in a smart but brief shower of rain at half past ten o'clock the same night, when a little more than one-third of an inch fell. The rest of the week was very cold with bright sunny weather. The rain referred to above appears to have been local, none having fallen at Madareepore or at any distance from Furreedpore, in the neighbourhood of which wheat and barley only will be benefited, it being too late to do any good to the pulses already attaining maturity; the prospects of these winter crops remain unchanged. The prices of coarse rice at Goalundo and Madareepore are the same as they were at the end of last week. At Gopalgunge they have fallen from 16 to 17 seers per rupee, and at Bhangah and Furreedpore they have risen from 18½ to 16 seers at the former, and from 15 to 14 seers at the latter place. No ascertainable cause can be assigned for the rise at Bhangah but at Furreedpore it is owing to the fair held there throughout the current, week, when from 4 to 5,000 men from different parts of the country visited it daily and had to buy their rice from the petty dealers of the place, the stoppage of imports and absence of outside competition enabling to change their own prices for the article.
20	Backergunge, 10th „ „	Nil	Very cold. Crops good.
21	Mymensing, 17th „ „	Nil	Clear and cold. The recent rain has generally enabled ploughing of ground for rice sowing, &c., to be commenced.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Eastern Districts.—(Contd.)		
Dacca Div.—(*Contd.*) 22	Sylhet, 10th Jan. 1874	Nil	Weather very cool. Nearly the whole of the late rice crops have been reaped. The transplantation of the boro rice crop is progressing pretty fairly. The price of rice is the same, except in some places where there is a rise. About 4,500 maunds of rice and 7,000 maunds of paddy have been exported to Calcutta and other places. Fresh cases of cholera at Tajpore. It is yet prevailing at Chattuck, Hingajee, and Sunkerpassa. A few cases of small-pox still at Nabigunge.
23	Cachar, 10th „ „	Nil	Unusually cold, with foggy mornings. About one anna of the paddy crop remains to be cut. Price of rice has fallen from Rs. 2-8 to Rs. 2-6 per maund.
Chittagong Division. 24	Chittagong, 10th „ „	Nil	Cold and seasonable weather. Paddy nearly all cut. Cold weather crops promise well. Cholera reported from town, Potea, and Rangonia.
25	Noakhally, 10th „ „	Nil	Very cold. Favorable reports received of the harvest and cold weather crops. The price of common rice has fallen gradually throughout the district. This is partly due to Chittagong prices having fallen and importation having slackened.
26	Tipperah, 10th „ „	Nil	Weather fine and cold. No rain. The late rice harvest is nearly completed. Prospects same as last week, the crop generally being an eleven-anna one. The price of rice remains same in the north of the district and in Comillah. Prospects of the winter crop are good. One case of cholera in the Sudder. Cholera also prevails still in Brahmanbariah sub-division.
27	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 10th Jan. 1874.	Nil	Very cold throughout the whole week, with exceptionally foggy mornings. The prospects of the mustard crops are good. There are no signs of scarcity.
	Hill Tipperah, 10th Jan 1874.	Nil	Bright and cold; no important change to report. Mustard being gathered in; chillies doing well.
BEHR.			
Patna Division. 28	Patna,* 20th Jan. 1874	Nil	Weather seasonable, but exceedingly cold. The crops were greatly benefited by the fall of rain reported in the last report and now no more is wanted, as it would do harm. There is quite an average crop on the ground and doing wonderfully well. Health of the district good.
29	Gya, 17th „ „	Nil	Very cold. The prospects of the cold weather crops continue good; peas and wheat are doing very well. Health of the district good.
30	Shahabad, 17th „ „	Slight rainfall.	Slight rain, and in most parts of the district weather clear, bright, and extremely cold; heavy dews at night. The frost has caused some, but not extensive, damage to the pea and rahar and masoor (pulses) crops; the exact amount of this is being ascertained; otherwise the cold weather crops are promising, and in the Dearah and irrigated lands will yield a large outturn. Canal irrigation still being carried on.
31	Tirhoot, 17th „ „	·09	Intensely cold during the latter part of the week, cloudy on 11th and 12th January, with slight fall of rain over the greater part of the district. In the Sudder, Durbhangha, and Tajpore sub-divisions the rahar pulse and tobacco crop have been seriously injured by hoar-frosts. The cold weather crops are deteriorating in the Tajpore and Mudhoobani sub-divisions, are slightly improved in Durbhangha and Hajeepore sub-divisions, and elsewhere the prospects are unaltered. In isolated localities cheena (millet) and moong (pulse) are being sown.
32	Sarun, 17th „ „	·19	Very cold, west wind prevailing. Rain on the 12th instant; though very slight in parts, has been general throughout the district. It has partially benefited the crops, but west wind and frost have since done harm. The injury by frost to the rahur pulse and peas has been considerable. The kutcha wells which kept the crops alive so long, have now generally dried up, and adequate means of irrigation no longer exist. No complaint of actual scarcity in the bazars, except in thannahs Basuntpore and Pursa, but prices generally rising. Exports to Tirhoot and Chumparun, principally of maize, continuing. Numbers on relief works increasing.
33	Chumparun, 17th „ „	Nil	West winds. The prospects of the cold weather crops have not changed for the better; the cold nights are acting injuriously on the crop, especially the rahur (pulse), in the north portion of the district.
Bhaugulpore Divn. 34	Monghyr, 17th Jan. 1874	·12	Weather apparently set fair. The cold weather crops have been benefited by the rain. The high west winds however injured them to some extent. Slight frosts occurred during the week, but have not done any harm apparently.
35	Bhaugulpore, 20th† „ „	Nil	Very cold, with frost north of the Ganges. Cold weather crops still promising. No distress. General health unusually good.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
Bhaugulpore Divn.—(*Contd.*) 36	Purneah, 17th Jan. 1874	·07	No change in the weather. Prospects of cold weather crops good in Bahadoorgunge and north of Kishengunge, where wheat is not sown ordinarily, but they get worse and worse to the further south. The crops in Dhurmpore are better than was previously reported, and 100,000 bigghas of land are sown with wheat and other edible crops in this tract. Crops also generally good on the south, but in the central part of the district, especially in the country between the Punar and the Mohanuddee, very bad. In Bahadoorgunge and north of Kishengunge the December rainfall was more abundant and the ground is prepared for the next sowings. The cold weather crops however in Kudbah and Kushbah Amour neighbourhoods are, except mustard, failures.
37	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 17th Jan. 1874.	Nil	Very cold ; no sign of rain. Nothing to report since last week. The corn is all cut, and there is no reason to suppose previous estimates wrong.
ORISSA.			
Orissa Division. 38	Cuttack 20th* Jan. 1874	Nil	No rain, weather warmer. Late rice almost all reaped. Prospects of other crops good. Public health good.
39	Pooree, 10th „ „	Nil	Weather fine and cool. Three-fourths of the late rice crop have been harvested. Outturn very fair. Arhur and black moong pulses have been all reaped, the former with a fair and the latter a poor outturn. Berhi and kolthi pulses are coming on well. White moong pulse plants are well advanced. The result and prospects of the cold weather crops are on the whole fair. More than half of the dulwa rice crop has been sown and the seed is germinating. About three-fourths of the sugarcane crop have been gathered with a good outturn. The mango crop is in blossom. Purchase of rice for exportation continues as before. Prices are almost stationary and the market easy.
40	Balasore, 17th Jan. 1874	Nil	Seasonable weather. Nothing of importance about the crops.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
41	Hazareebaugh, 17th Jan. 1874.	Nil	Strong westerly winds have prevailed during the greater part of the week, making the weather very cold. If these high winds continue to blow, it will, it is feared, prematurely ripen the wheat and barley crops which are now in blossom. Prices continue unaltered. Small-pox rather on the increase than otherwise, but in other respects general health is good.
42	Lohardugga, 17th Jan. 1874.	Nil	Warm for the first two or three days, but latterly very cold and frosty. Rain was threatening at Palamow, but none has fallen. A good shower is much needed. Nothing to add to last week's remarks.
43	Singbhoom, 10th „ „	Nil	Bright and clear. Nights cold. No change since last report. The Colehan and Tarafs Parihati and Banghagra in Dhulbhoom are the only parts where grave apprehensions of scarcity are entertained.
44	Manbhoom, 17th Jan. 1874.	.....	Cold and dry, with little dew. A slight shower of rain fell, but too small to do much good. Little or no alteration in the prospects of the crops since last week. Prices are rising and exportation is going on to a great extent from places on and near the lines of direct road communications. Some cases of small-pox in the Gobindpore sub-division.
ASSAM AND ADJACENT HILLS			
45	Goalparah, 10th Jan. 1874.	Nil	Weather seasonable and cold. Heavy fogs generally in the mornings. The cold weather rice crop is now almost all harvested ; an eight-anna crop on the whole is expected. Mustard is being gathered. General health improving.
46	Kamroop,† 19th Jan. 1874.	Nil	No rain, weather very cold and threatening rain, wind easterly, mornings generally foggy. Late rice still being reaped ; about five-eighths of the usual outturn expected. Mustard crops do not look favorable for want of rain. Sugarcane is being cut. Public health good.
47	Durrung, 10th „ „	Nil	Foggy mornings, hazy days, little breeze of variable direction. There is now but little rice left out of doors. The sugarcane is being cut, but it appears stunted for want of rain.
48	Nowgong, 10th „ „	Nil	Weather seasonable. Late rice crop all cut and gathered in. Cold weather crops the same as last week. General health good.

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	ASSAM AND ADJACENT HILLS.—(*Contd.*)		
49	Seebsaugor, 10th Jan. 1874.	·11	Heavy fogs every morning; mornings and evenings cold; a shower of rain on the 3rd and 4th instant. Mustard and other cold weather crops suffering from want of rain. The rice crop is almost all gathered.
50	Luckimpore, 10th Jan. 1874.	Nil	No rain during the week. The late rice crop is in, and is a good two-thirds crop. Cold weather crops doing well. Pulses have been gathered. Health good.
51	Naga Hills, 3rd Jan. 1874.	·33	Cold, with slight rain early in the week; weather not clear, and looks as if more rain would fall shortly. Crops are all gathered in.
52	Khasi & Jynteah Hills, 10th Jan. 1874.	Nil	The weather has been clear and frosty. The crops are all housed and the people are preparing their lands for next season's cultivation. The price of common rice in the Shillong weekly market has been 10¼ seers per rupee, and there was plenty to be had at this price.
53	Garo Hills, 10th Jan. 1874.	Nil	Weather has been very hazy. Jooming going on.

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 17th January 1874.

	No.	District, and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BEHAR.				
Patna Divn.	25	Patna, Jan. 31 '80	Nil	Weather—seasonable. Rain wanted for *rubbee* crops.
	26	Gya, „ 31 „	Nil	Weather—fair and windy. Maximum reading in shade 79·8°. In Nowada sub-division *dhan* almost cut; prospects of *rubbee* crops good. In Jehanabad sub-division *rubbee* in good condition, but would be benefitted by a shower of rain. Public health good.
	27	Shahabad, „ 31 „	Nil	Weather—cold and cloudy most part of week. Prospects of *rubbee* excellent. Small-pox still continues. Prices stationary.
	28	Durbhunga, „ 31 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable. *Rubbee* crops continue to progress favorably. Mustard in some places being reaped. Prices stationary. Public health good.
	29	Mozufferpore, „ 31 „ Hajeepore ... Lalgunge ...	Nil 0·1 0·4	Weather—seasonable. *Rubbee* crops in excellent condition. Mango tree beginning to flower. Public health good.
	30	Sarun, „ 31 „	Nil	Weather—cold and bracing; west wind prevailing. Cold-weather crops doing well. Prices stationary. Public health good.
	31	Chumparun, „ 31 „	Nil	Weather—fine, with east and west wind. In north of district rain would do good, especially to poppy. All prospects good. Health good, except in a few villages where small-pox prevails.
Bhagulpore Divn.	32	Monghyr, Jan. 31 '80 Begusarai ..	Nil 0·11	Weather—cloudy and warm. Prospects of crops excellent, but rain would do no harm. Health good.
	33	Bhagulpore, „ 31 „	Nil	Weather—clear and seasonably cold; latterly getting warm. Prospects of *rubbee* crops good. General health good.
	34	Purneah, „ 31 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable. Prospects of crops continue good.
	35	Maldah, „ 31 „	Nil	Weather—fine, though a little too warm for the time of year. Cold-weather crops thriving. Price of course rice gone down a little. Exportation slack. Public health good.
	36	Sonthal Perghs, „ 31 „	Nil	Weather—cold and fine. State and prospects of crops good.
ORISSA.				
Orissa Divn.	37	Cuttack, Jan. 31 '80	Nil	Weather—seasonable Rice harvest completed. *Dalna* crop progressing well. Small-pox still reported. Common rice 18$\frac{1}{2}$ to 21 seers per rupee.
	38	Pooree, „ 29 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable. *Sarad* still being reaped. State of *dalua* crop good. Sugarcane still being pressed. Cold-weather crops continue well. State of public health not good; fever still prevails. A few cases of small-pox both in Sudder and Khoorda sub-divisions. Common rice 19 to 26 seers per rupee.
	39	Balasore. „ 30 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable, with cold nights and north wind Good rain in north of district. Threshing and storing of paddy progresses. Harvesting of early *rubbee* crops continues. Other crops ripening. Scattered cases of small-pox and cholera; otherwise public health fair.
CHOTA NAGPORE.				
		South-West Frontier Agency.		
	40	Hazareebagh, Jan. 30 '80	0·10	Weather—cool and seasonable. Showers at Sumariah, Ramghur, Koderma, and Gawan. *Rubbee* crops promising; more rain would do good. Small-pox at Chowparan; health otherwise good.
	41	Lohardugga, „ 31 „	Nil	Weather—bright and cold. Rain much wanted for *rubbee* crops and for ploughing. Small-pox still prevalent.
	42	Singbhoom, „ 30 „	Nil	Weather—cooler during week. Cold-weather crops in good condition. Health of district good.
	43	Manbhoom, „ 31 „	Nil	Weather—fine and cold *Rubbee* harvest progressing, and crops turning out fair. Public health generally good.

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No.	District and date of return	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
Rajshahye Div.—(*Contd.*) 12	Rajshahye, 24th Jan. 1874	Nil	The weather has been getting steadily warmer day by day. There has been no rain. Generally the cold weather crops are doing well. In the north-east of Singrah, and the south of the Rakteshur beel, they are as fine as could be wished. In the higher lands they have somewhat suffered. Boro paddy is being transplanted. A good deal of the late rice is still uncut in the low lands. Ploughing for next year's rice crop is going on in all the beel lands, where the paddy has been cut and the stubble burnt. Prices of rice continue steady, ranging from 13 to 14 seers per rupee.
13	Rungpore, 24th „ „	Nil	Cold in the morning and evening, somewhat cold at night and commencing to be rather warm in the day-time. The reports of the sugarcane, pulses, mustard, tobacco and wheat crops are generally favorable. The price of rice varies from Rs. 3-12 to Rs. 4-12 per maund. The people are reported to be suffering from scarcity at Kaligunge outpost, Horobari and Ulipore.
14	Bograh, 24th „ „	Nil	No more rain. The weather is somewhat warmer The late rice has all been reaped. About a five-anna outturn has been yielded. Cutting of sugarcane in Bograh and other thannahs not yet finished. Expected yield about 13 annas. Mustard in Madhupore and other thannahs is looking fair. 2·48 rain fell on the night of the 24th instant, which will do considerable good.
15	Pubna, 24th „ „	Nil	No rain. Very cold, a chilly wind blew from the north-west. Mashkalai (pulse) is still being collected, and the teel (oilseed) being winnowed. Maghi (early) mustard and orobur (pulse) are being cut; the former will give one-fourth the produce of an average year, and the latter will yield a very good produce this year. The prospects of the motur, khesari, rai-moosoor (pulses), and wheat, and barley are not favorable for want of rain. The cheena (millet) crop still looks well. The people are now sowing jully paddy, but heavy rain is wanted for their improvement. A fall of ·55 of rain on 25th instant since reported.
Cooch Behar Div. 16	Darjeeling, 24th Jan. 1874	Nil	Rain, cold weather, misty through the greater part of the week. The winter crop has all been gathered in, but all not having been thrashed, the exact outturn cannot be arrived at; ten annas in the rupee is still the estimated probable result. Prices have risen a little during the week, but there are no signs of distress apparent.
17	Julpigoree, 24th „ „	Nil	In the early part of the week, weather has been unusually cold, even frosty in the mornings; the last two days it has been warmer and cloudy. Cold weather crops promise well. Rain would be beneficial for preparation of lands for the early rice crop. Price of rice has fallen owing to a decrease in the demand for exportation.
	Cooch Behar ...	.....	Return not received.
	Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division. 18	Dacca, 27th* Jan. 1874	0·67	Rain on Sunday, the 25th instant, general in the district; still cloudy, cold and foggy in morning. Prospects greatly improved by the rain both for present and future.
19	Furreedpore, 24th „ „	Nil	The first few days of the week clear, sunshiny and cold weather; for the last three days, mornings very foggy, up to a late hour; days and nights moderately warm, and the wind variable, instead of blowing steadily from the north. Since Friday evening the sky has been cloudy with a very sensible increase in the temperature of the weather and southerly wind, rain therefore may be hoped for. No change whatever in the state and prospects of the winter crops, which remain as last week. The price of coarse rice at Bhangah, Madareepore and Goslundo remains the same; at Gopalgunge it has risen from 17 to 16½ seers on account of exports, and at Furreedpore it has fallen from 14 to 15½ seers owing chiefly to the dispersion of the crowd of visitors at the Fair held last week.
20	Backergunge, 17th „ „	Nil	Weather cold. Heavy fogs in the mornings. Crops good.
21	Mymensing, 24th „ „	Nil	Fine and cold weather. The outturn of the cold weather crops has been fully up to expectation.
22	Sylhet, 17th Jan. 1874	Not sufficient to be measured.	Weather very cool. There were two slight showers during the week at Sylhet. A fair amount of rain fell all about Kurrimgunge on the 18th instant. It rained nearly all the morning, not heavily, and cleared up in the afternoon and heavy rain with thunder and lightning at night. All cold weather crops look well. The whole of the late rice crops have been reaped. The late rice crop in Sonamgunge reported as half only. The transplanting of the boro rice crop has been half completed. About 4,500 maunds of rice and 6,000 maunds of paddy have been exported to Calcutta and other places, table rice sold at 17 seers and 10 chittacks, and common rice at 21 seers per rupee. Rice cheaper at Kurrimgunge. Cholera still prevailing in the neighbourhood of Sonamgunge and Havigunge A few new cases of small-pox at Gomanighat.
23	Cachar, 17th „ „	1·04	Unusually cold with fogs in the morning till eleven A. M. Thunder, wind, and rain on Tuesday evening. The reaping of the paddy crop has nearly been finished. The actual outturn exceeds original estimate. Price of rice has fallen from Rs. 2-6 to Rs. 2-4 a maund. A fall of 0·81 of rain on the 25th instant since telegraphed.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Eastern Districts.—(Contd.)		
Chittagong Divn. 24	Chittagong, 17th Jan. 1874.	Nil	Fine and cold weather. Reaping of paddy is about over; cold weather crops, not an important staple in this district, continue to do well. Cholera is still reported from Puttea, Rangunea, and Raojan. The town has been free from it for the last few days
25	Noakhally, 17th „ „	Nil	Unusually cold on 15th. Thermometer came down to 49° Fahr. The harvest of rice is nearly completed. The prospects of the cold weather crops are good. The price of common rice has risen slightly at the sudder markets.
26	Tipperah, 17th „ „	·02	Weather fine and cold. The late rice has been harvested in most parts. Prices of rice are not altered but there is a downward tendency. The mustard crop is being gathered and there will be a very fair outturn. The prospects of the other winter crops continue favorable A fall of 1 inch of rain on 25th instant. Good for crops in ground.
27	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 17th Jan. 1874.	Nil	Very cold throughout the whole week, cloudy on the 14th instant, and threatening rain. The prospects of the mustard crops continue good.
	Hill Tipperah, 17th Jan 1874.	0 04	Very cold throughout the whole week; slight rain on the 18th instant; boro paddy is being extensively sown in the Oodeypore sub-division The cotton crop was rather a short one, but the quality is good. Mustard still being gathered.
BEHAR.			
Patna Division. 28	Patna, 26th* Jan. 1874	·01	Weather very threatening up till the 26th January, when it has cleared off. Prospects of the spring crops continue good. Health of the district good.
29	Gya, 24th „ „	Nil	Cold and cloudy for the last two days. No rain has fallen in any part of the district. The prospects of the cold weather crops continue good. Prices have slightly risen at the sudder station and at Wonada. No distress. Health of the district good.
30	Shahabad, 24th „ „	Nil	The last two days, the wind has changed to east. It is cloudy and threatens rain. Pea crop in Sasseram being gathered. It is reported to be fair crop. The rest of the cold weather crops much as before, but the east wind is liable to blight one or two of the crops.
31	Tirhoot, 24th „ „	Nil	Weather very cold and clear in early part of week; latterly more mild and cloudy. In the Seetamarhee sub-division the rahur pulse crop has been damaged by frost; in the Sheohur and Jaleh thannahs and at Majorgunge the prospects of the cold weather crops are not altered. No rain, In Durbhangah sub-division, the tobacco and rahur pulse crops have been injured by hoar frost, but the injury done to the latter is not so great as was at first supposed. Prospects on the whole are more favorable than they were three weeks ago. The rainfall at Durbhangah was ·19 during the week. In Madhoobani sub-division the rahur pulse has been injured by the cold, and the cold weather crops are dying for want of rain. In Hajeepore sub-division, the cold weather crops still hold out well, and there is no apprehension of a failure of these crops. No rain. In Tajpore sub-division the frosts of the previous week and of this are reported to have "affected the rahur pulse and tobacco very capriciously, each crop being in some places much damaged and again close by hardly touched." Opium is said to have profited by the frosts. Wheat and barley have somewhat suffered, and peas in flower have been rather nipped. In Balagach Pergunnah prospects are not so good as they were. In the south-west corner of Serissa Pergunnah, prospects are best. In other parts of this Pergunnah only a four-anna crop is expected. No rain.
32	Sarun,* 24th „ „	A few drops of rain on Friday night.	Bright and cold up to the 22nd instant, cloudy on the 23rd and 24th idem. West wind prevailing. No rain. Rahur and moosoor pulses and peas, and cotton have suffered considerable injury from the effects of the frost, especially in thannahs Dighwarah and Pursa. The exact amount of damage done in these two thannahs is being ascertained. It is reported by the Sub-divisional Officer at Sewan that the rahur pulse in his sub-division will not now exceed an eight-anna crop In the irrigated lands, wheat, barley and other cold weather crops are still doing well. In the Sewan sub-division 872 bighas of land, in which the poppy did not germinate, have been given back to the cultivators for the purpose of sowing cheena and other crops. Prices of food-grains generally rising. Exports to Tirhoot and Chumparun continuing.
33	Chumparun, 24th „ „	A few drops.	Cold west winds generally prevailing. A slight sprinkling of rain fell on the 23rd instant, but unless it was heavier in other parts of the district, it cannot have been of much benefit. The cold west winds and frost have done harm to rahur and other pulses. Prices of food-grains rising. No material change in the prospects of the cold weather crops.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
Bhaugulpore Div. 34	Monghyr, 24th Jan. 1874	Nil	Cloudy but no rain; much warmer than last week. State of the crops much the same as last week. The frost is said to have injured the cold weather crops in some places. In all except the lands submerged by the Ganges, the cold weather crops are backward and stunted.
35	Bhaugulpore, 27th* Jan. 1874.	Nil	Rain on 25th instant at Banka ·30, and slight at Colgong and Soopool. Frost of previous week, north of Ganges, slightly damaged ruhar pulse, indigo and cheena, millet. Cold weather crops still promise well. General health unusually good.
36	Purneah, 23rd „ „	Nil	No change in the weather. Towards thannah Ranigunge and thence east to Arareah, and south to Purneah, the wheat crop is on the whole fair. *Tori* and tobacco about a 12-anna crop. The cold weather crops about Nakali, Ranigunge, and Bulrampore very bad; the mustard is thin and small; in the wheat and gram fields only about half the crop seems to have come up. There was no rain at Bulrampore; further south near Barsai the mustard is first-rate and the other crops look very well; but rice is selling at 8 and 9 seers. Crops towards Kudbah again bad, but prices more favorable. Rice at Kudbah 10 and 11 seers. Some small imports of rice are reported as being made into thannahs Ranigunge, Kishengunge, and Kadwah.
37	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 24th Jan. 1874.	Nil	Getting warmer; no sign of rain. Rainfall on the 24th instant at Rajmehal 2 inches, which has done some good to the cold weather crops. Nothing to report from Dumka. In Deogurh the cold weather crops are doing fairly, but there is very little of it.
ORISSA.			
Orissa Division. 38	Cuttack, 27th* Jan. 1874	1·20	Rain on Sunday the 25th January; prospect of more rain. No alteration in the state of the crops. Public health good.
39	Pooree, 17th „ „	Nil	Fine and cold with indication of the near approach of spring. A little more than three-fourths of the late rice crops has been reaped, with a very fair outturn. Birihi and Koolthi pulses are coming on well, and are being in part reaped. White moong pulse plants are well advanced. The result and prospects of the cold weather crops are on the whole fair. The sowing of the dalua rice crop is proceeding and the seed is germinating; more than three-fourths of the sugarcane crop has been gathered with a good outturn. The mangoe crop is in the earliest stage of blossom. Purchases of rice for export continue, but the market is still easy and prices are stationary.
40	Balasore, 24th Jan. 1874	Nil	Weather getting warm. The price of rice throughout the district continues to be about the same. Great want of water in the Lasali; wells are to be sunk there. The distressed people of that pergunnah are now working on the canal. A good deal of rice is being exported to Bengal along the Jugunnath road. Some deaths from small-pox in Kopari, Bhuddruck and Ballapal. Public health otherwise good.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
41	Hazareebaugh, 24th Jan. 1874.	Nil	Mild during the whole week, with fleecy clouds hanging about, indicating wind or rain. Prospects of the winter crops have not changed for better. Prices continue steady. Small-pox still prevalent here and there.
42	Lohardugga, 24th Jan. 1874.	Nil	Unseasonably warm; cloudy with rain threatening; things remain much as before. Prices in the sudder division are rising slightly principally owing to exportation. What crops there are on the ground look fairly well. The gram crops at Palamow are looking well, but the wheat and rahur pulse have suffered from the frost which has been severe during the early part of the week.
43	Singbhoom, 17th „ „	Nil	Clear and bright; nights cold. Nothing to report regarding crops. Cattle disease reported from parts of the district. Public health good.
44	Maunbhoom, 24th Jan 1874.	Nil	Hot, no dew. Weather is cloudy; it seems probable that there will be a fall of rain within a few days. Not much alteration in prices, though exportation is still going on. Investigation in the eastern portion of the district shows that the stock of rice will not last more than two months. A fall of 1·77 of rain on 24th and 25th instant since reported.
ASSAM AND ADJACENT HILLS			
45	Goalparah, 17th Jan. 1874.	·03	Cloudy and hazy throughout the week; drizzling rain on the 13th instant. Strong wind during the last five days; heavy fogs generally in the mornings. The late rain has been slightly beneficial to cheena and kowu (millets), and to the cultivation of the aûs or early rice crop. Late rice is almost harvested. Public health good.

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ASSAM AND ADJACENT HILLS.—(*Contd.*)			
46	Kamroop, 26th* Jan. 1874.	0·56	Mornings more or less misty, days cool, wind chiefly north-east; late rice crop has been gathered in; sugarcane is still being cut, but a fair outturn is not expected. Mustard crops being reaped. Public health good.
47	Durrung, 17th „ „	Nil	Foggy mornings, cloudy days. Little breeze of variable direction. Land is being prepared for spring crops. Mustard seed is being housed. The crop is below the average. A few cases of cholera reported from the eastern part of the district.
48	Nowgong, 17th „ „	·13	Weather cold and seasonable. A little rain fell one evening at the beginning of the week. Prospects of the crops unchanged. General health good.
49	Seebsaugor, 17th Jan. 1874.	0·82	Weather cold and cloudy, dense fog every morning. A good shower of rain on the night of the 15th January. Rice harvest over. The rain has done some good to the mustard and sugarcane crops.
50	Luckimpore, 17th Jan. 1874.	0·84	Several showers of rain during the week; on Sunday and Monday the rain was rather heavy in the mornings. The late rice crop is in, and is a good two-thirds crop. Cold weather crops doing well Pulses have been gathered. Health good.
51	Naga Hills ..	.....	Return not received.
52	Khasi & Jynteah Hills, 17th Jan. 1874.	0·7	Rain and wind in the first part of the week. Bright and cold afterwards; severe frosts at nights. All the food-crops are off the ground. People are now busy in many parts of the hills preparing their rice lands.
53	Garo Hills, 17th Jan. 1874.	·07	The weather was very foggy on Sunday and Monday, and very cold since the rain on Tuesday. Jooming continues.

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 24th January 1874.

Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 14*th February* 1880.

No.	District, and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
	BENGAL.		
	Western Districts		
BURDWAN DIVN. 1	Burdwan, Feb. 14 '80	1·90	Weather—cool and fair. Good rain general over district Ploughing commenced everywhere. Collector doubts accuracy of Raneegunge rain return and will verify it.
	Cutwa ...	1·85	
	Raneegunge ...	6·70	
2	Bankoora, „ 14 „	1·07	Weather—warm at beginning of week; latterly cool and fair. Mustard and *surgunja* being gathered all over district. Rain done good to crops on ground. Some cases of small-pox and cholera in Bishenpore sub-division.
	Bishenpore ..	0·87	
3	Beerbhoom, „ 14 „	1·13	Two thunderstorms have made weather cooler Rain has set ploughs to work and has benefited everything but pulses. Cholera still prevalent in Rampore Hât.
4	Midnapore, „ 14 „	A few drops on night of 11th	Weather—cloudy State and prospects of crops favorable.
5	Hooghly, „ 14 „	0·11	Weather—clear and cloudy, with rain on 12th. Winter crops good Public health good. A few cases of small-pox in thanas Gooptipara, Balagore, and Serampore.
	Howrah, „ 15 „	0·15	Weather—warmer until 14th when rain fell. State and prospects of crops fair. Manufacture of *goor* begun in places
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVN. 6	24-Pergunnahs, Feb. 14 '80	0·09	Hot weather set in Pulses and peas being gathered. Rain wanted for cultivation of lands for *aus* crop. Sporadic cases of cholera in Bussirhat Some cases of fever, said to resemble an epidemic that prevails on Madras seaboard, have occurred in southern suburbs
7	Nuddea, „ 14 „	Not given.	Weather—very warm in daytime, and, with exception of one day's rain, fine and clear. Crops doing well.
	Kooshtea ...	0·12	
	Meherpore ...	0·28	
	Chooadanga ..	2·13	
	Ranaghat ...	1·11	
8	Jessore, „ 14 „	0·70	Weather- bright, clear, and cool since rain. Rain done much good where fallen, and greatly wanted where none fallen, particularly for sowing of *teel*. Health good
	Jhenidah ...	0·81	
	Magoorah ..	0·54	
9	Moorshedabad, „ 14 „	1·18	Weather—seasonable. Prospects of crops good. Both fever and cholera in mitigated form in some thanas of Sudder sub-division. Cholera also broken out in a village in Jungipore sub-division
10	Dinagepore, Feb. 13 '80	0·36	Weather—chilly and cloudy, with rain. Winter rice harvest completed; a good crop secured. Mustard nearly all harvested. Rice 14 to 22 seers
RAJSHAHYE AND COOCH BEHAR DIVN 11	Rajshahye, „ 14 „	0·37	Weather—unsettled in beginning of week. Wind variable. A storm with slight rain on evening of 9th; moderately heavy rain on night of 11th and morning of 12th; since then bright, clear and cool. *Rubbee* crops thriving; *boro dhan* being transplanted; in some places *amun* rice being sown in low lands. Common rice at Beauleah 15 seers per rupee, in interior 16 to 19½ seers. Eight cases of cholera, and four deaths, in two villages in thana Manda.
12	Rungpore, „ 13 „	1·3	Weather—cold on account of recent rains State and prospects of winter crops continue favorable Public health good.
13	Bogra, „ 14 „	0·40	Weather—rather cooler since rain on 11th. Crops benefited by rain; ploughing for *aus* going on
14	Pubna, „ 14 „	0·92	Weather—cool A good shower of rain on night of 11th and morning of 12th. Prospects of spring crops very good. Public health good
15	Darjeeling, „ 14 „	0·40	Weather—cloudy; slight rain on three days accompanied with strong wind. No crops of importance on ground. Few *rubbee* crops in field doing well. Land being cleared for *bhadoi* rice.
16	Julpigoree, „ 14 „	1·10	Heavy fogs, with west wind and rain. Rain on 10th and 11th beneficial, being just sufficient for wheat, and also assisting cultivation for *bhadoi*.
	Cooch Behar, „ 12 „	0·17	Weather—cloudy and much colder towards end of week. Threatens more rain. Good reports of all crops Rice Rs. 1-14 to Rs. 2 a maund. Small-pox prevalent.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
RAJSHAHYE DIVN.—(*Contd.*) 11	Maldah, 31st Jan. 1874	1·32	Weather foggy and cloudy; rain on three days, and again cloudy. The cold weather crops continue to look well; the rain of the 25th January has been most beneficial to them. The outturn of kalai, pulse and mustard has been a very average one. Cases of distress owing to scarcity reported from thannah Khurbah. Small-pox reported from Khurbah and Gazole.
12	Rajshahye, 31st „ „	·30	The rain of the 25th January was general and in some places very heavy. There have been several foggy mornings, cloudy on the 30th and 31st idem. On the night of the 24th rain fell in thannahs Charghat, Manda, and Pooteah, and in outpost Wallah in station Belmariah; rain commenced on the night of the 24th and continued till 12 o'clock the following day. It is calculated to have done much good to the cold weather crops, and a good deal facilitated the preparation of paddy lands for next year's sowings. Crops of all kinds have greatly benefited by the rain; a further fall would ensure at least a good average return. Hail fell in twenty-five or thirty villages north of Nattore, and did a good deal of injury to the cold weather crops. Boro paddy is looking well generally, but in Tanore the frost has done this crop some harm. Mangoe trees are beginning to blossom; the foggy mornings are injurious to the blossom, and if they continue will, it is feared, seriously affect the crop. This will be an evil of no small measure, as from experience the Collector says that, in the year of distress in 1866, a flour made from the kernels of the mangoe stone was largely consumed by the poorer classes. This crop was a very heavy one in that year. Public health good; isolated cases of cholera and two or three cases of small-pox.
13	Rungpore, 31st „ „	3·80	Mornings foggy and cold, weather rather warm in the day time. A good fall of rain on the night of the 25th January. Sowings of aus or early rice are going on. The prospects of other crops are generally favorable. The price of common rice is Rs. 4-8 per maund.
14	Bograh, 31st „ „	2·19	Weather cloudy and cold. Sugarcane and mustard are being cut; the yield may be thirteen annas. Motor, mussoor and khessari pulses are looking fair; they are much benefited by the recent rains. Cheena and kaon-millets and khirachi are also doing well.
15	Pubna, 31st „ „	0·55	Very cold, though not throughout the week; on the night of the 24th January the sky was cloudy. There was a high wind with little showers of rain which extended up to 10 A.M. the following day. The people are now winnowing maskalai and arahur pulses, and magi sharisa (mustard). The prospects of motor, khessari and mussoori pulses, and wheat, barley, gram and cheena millet, have been improved by the rain. On the 25th January the rain, though not heavy, has still done great good to the jully and boro paddy which the ryots have commenced to sow and transplant. It will moreover assist the cultivators a great deal in preparing their lands for paddy.
COOCH BEHAR DIVS. 16	Darjeeling, 31st „ „	Nil	A smart shower of rain fell throughout the district on the 25th January. Weather at sudder station misty and threatening rain or snow. The same as last week. Rice crop gathered in but not yet thrashed, so the exact outturn cannot now be given. Prices the same. No signs of distress apparent.
17	Julpigoree, 31st „ „	1·08	On the 26th and 27th January rain was general throughout the district; since then the weather has been cloudy and apparently more rain expected; the last 2 or 3 days have been warmer. The rain has done much good in everyway; the cold weather crops have benefited by it and it has softened the land, and ploughing for the early rice is now busily going on. From latest information the prospects at Boda are on the whole better than was at first anticipated. In many parts the deep lands have yielded a better crop than usual, while in some a fine crop has been got off lands which are usually too marshy to yield much. This has helped in a degree to counterbalance the failure on higher lands. It does not, however, alter the necessity for the steps suggested to give relief in those parts where the failure of crop has been most severely felt. The rain has been most beneficial in enabling lands baked hard by long drought to be ploughed. Price of rice has fallen generally throughout the district.
	Cooch Behar 24th „ „	Nil	Cold as usual. Reaping of paddy is nearly over; the outturn will probably come up to the previous estimate of a ten-anna crop all round. Tobacco and mustard seed, the chief cold weather crops, promise well. A rainfall of 1·40 inches on the 25th and 26th January, and of nearly half an inch on the 1st and 2nd instant, since reported, which will be beneficial.
	Eastern Districts.		
DACCA DIVISION. 18	Dacca, 2nd Feb. 1874	Nil	Regular weather and crop report not received. Special telegrams of the 1st and 2nd February report steady rainfall of ·65 and ·9 respectively.
19	Furreedpore, 31st Jan. 1874.	0·81	Early on Sunday, the 25th January, a very slight north-wester broke over this place attended with a slight drizzle, which increased, as the day advanced, into rain, and continued till nearly sunset; the four following mornings were very foggy, the mist not clearing up till a late hour every day; the days and nights were however bright and clear. On Thursday moderate southerly winds prevailing brought up scud and clouds covering the entire sky and ending in rain. On Friday afternoon and night the weather continuing cloudy till the afternoon of Saturday. On the first occasion 0·70 inches of rain fell, and on the second only 0·11. The above rain was not heavy, but as it was steady, unaccompanied by strong wind, the whole of it has soaked into the soil to a depth of 7 to 9 inches, and following

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	BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)		
	Eastern Districts.—(Contd.)		
			as it has done so closely on the 0·35 inches which fell on the night of the 12th January, will do much good to the spring crops, wheat, barley, and all the pulses remaining on the ground, the pumpkin, melon, and cucumber tribes, as well as the vegetables and all oil-seeds, and even the plantain will derive great benefit. The soil moreover being now fairly softened will enable agriculturists to plough and prepare the ground for the future rice crops. The price of coarse rice at Bhauga has fallen from 16 to 17 seers; at Furreedpore, Gopalgunge, and Madarepore it has risen from 15-8, 16-8, and 18 to 15, 16, and 17 seers respectively, owing to the fluctuations of trade, and at Goalundo it continues the same as last week. 2·69 rainfall at Goalundo since reported.
Dacca Division—(*Contd.*)	20 Backergunge, 24th Jan. 1874.	Nil	Fair and sunny. Paddy harvest still going on; harvest very fair. Winter crops promise well. Some rain would do good.
	21 Mymensing, 31st „ „	0·84	Rain on 25th January general throughout the district. A slight shower also fell on the morning of the 31st idem, and there seemed likely to be more rain. The accounts are favorable from all parts of the district; the rain has benefited the spring rice crops, and has enabled the people to plough for aus or early rice sowings. Prices generally have fallen.
	22 Sylhet, 24th „ „	Nil	Less cool than last week. About two annas of the boro rice crop remain yet to be transplanted. Nearly 4,000 maunds of rice and 5,000 maunds of paddy have been exported to Calcutta and other places. Table rice sold at 17·8 and common rice at 21 seers per rupee. Fresh cases of cholera have been reported from Rajnagore, from which 10 deaths have been reported amongst about 80 cases. No fresh cases of small-pox reported. 1·45 of rainfall on the 30th January since reported.
	23 Cachar, 24th „ „	Nil	Seasonable weather. The reaping of the paddy crop has been finished. Price of rice same as last week (Rs. 2-4 a maund). Winter crops are doing well. 1·12 of rain on 30th January since reported.
Chittagong Divn.	24 Chittagong, 24th „ „	Nil	Weather clear and fine; slightly warmer. Prospects remain much the same as last week.
	25 Noakhally, 24th „ „	Nil	Heavy fogs in mornings. The harvest is over. The khesary, kalai, and moong pulses and chillies and linseed are doing well.
	26 Tipperah, 24th „ „	Nil	The weather in the latter half of the week has been any thing but cold. There is a slight rise in prices of all kinds of rice. Beyond this there is nothing to remark since the last report. A fall of 1·54 of rain has since been reported.
	27 Chittagong Hill Tracts, 24th Jan. 1874.	Nil	Cold throughout the whole week; slightly cloudy on the 24th instant. The mustard crop is being gathered in small quantities here and there; the prospects are good.
	Hill Tipperah, 24th Jan 1874.	Nil	Cold and seasonable. No change in the state of the crops. The quantity of rice in some markets is small and inconvenience is felt consequently.
	BEHAR.		
Patna Division.	28 Patna, 2nd* Feb. 1874	·51	Strong easterly wind attended with occasional showers of rain from the night of the 31st January till evening of the 1st instant. Sky still not very clear. The rain is said to have done some injury to pulses and oil-seeds. Health of the district good.
	29 Gya, 31st Jan. „	0·16	Cold and cloudy. There was a very slight rain on the night of the 24th January, which has done some good to the crops. Rain threatening on the 31st idem. The prospects of the cold weather crops continue good. Health of the district good.
	30 Shahabad, 31st „ „	Nil	Slight fall of rain in the south of the district amounting at Sasseeram ·24. Cloudy and threatening rain. There has been a slight hail at Sasseeram, but it has not done material damage. The cloudy weather is unfavorable to the crops. Those on the Dearah still look well with the exception of the peas, which have been bitten by the frost. Cattle disease reported in the Rohtas Pergunnah.
	31 Tirhoot, 31st „ „	Nil	Seasonable, cold, and cloudy. In Durbhangah sub-division the late frost has done but little injury to the rahur pulse in the south and south-western parts of the sub-division; in the eastern portion the injury has been more marked: on the whole the crop does not now promise to be less than ten annas. The mustard, which is now in places ripening, will be a good crop; the remainder of the cold weather crop does not seem less healthy than last week; but as the wheat, &c., is now coming to ear, its stunted condition can't be improved. Eastwards of Beherah and Singhia the cold weather crop is least promising. Half an inch of rainfall at Durbhangah on the 1st instant, with prospects of more, since telegraphed. In the sub-division of Mudhoobani the cold weather crop is perishing for want of moisture; rahur pulse is the best off, but the late cold has injured even it. In the Tajpore sub-division the weather was warmer, no frost; there was a very heavy fog one morning. No change to record as regards Surreesah Pergunnah. The ryots are anxiously expecting rain for cheena (millet) and moong (pulse) sowings. The crops in Balugutch Pergunnah are suffering from want of rain, and without it more than a twelve-anna crop is not expected, if as much. The late frosts killed off the cheena (millet) which was sown in this pergunnah on the soothni and alwa lands where cleared, not however a large area.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
PATNA DIVISION.—(*Contd.*)			In the sub-division of Hajeepore there is no immediate fear for the cold weather crops; they will under any circumstances have a ten-anna crop, and perhaps a better one; it is to be noted that this sub-division depends very much on this crop. In the Seetamurhi sub-division the state of crops continues the same as reported last week. Rain is very much needed to save the cold weather crop which still promises well; clouds have been gathering several mornings, but no rain fell. In the sudder sub-division the state of the crop remains unchanged.
	32 Sarun, 31st Jan. 1874.	Nil	Cloudy, but no rain; west wind prevailing until the 31st January, when the wind shifted to the east. The prospects of the cold weather crops have greatly altered for the worse owing to frost, which has seriously injured the rahur pulse, peas, masoor pulse, pumkins, and melons, besides castor and cotton. The damage has been greatest in the Dighwarah, Pursa, and Bussuntpore thannahs, and throughout the Sewan sub-division. It is also feared that the cloudy weather may bring blight and affect the wheat and barley. On the whole, it may now be doubted whether the outturn of the cold weather crops will exceed a four-anna crop. 1,057 beegahs of poppy land in Sewan and 295 beegahs in the sudder sub-division more have been given up to the ryots for the purpose of sowing food-grains after the poppy had failed thereon. Prices have slightly fallen.
	33 Chumparun, 31st „ „	Nil	Cold east winds. The state of the cold weather crops is, if anything, worse instead of better. The cultivators have commenced sowing cheena (millet) in the hope of getting rain in February There are clouds all about. The price of all grain, especially food-grains, is daily rising.
BHAUGULPORE DIVN.	34 Monghyr, 31st „ „	Nil	Clear up to evening of the 29th January; since then cloudy with an easterly wind, but no rain. In the Sudder Sub-division and Jamooee everything same as last week. In Begusarai slight damage by frost. Tobacco and mustard being gathered. Wheat, barley, &c., in ear, but not expected to yield much. Rain at Jamalpore since reported.
	35 Bhaugulpore, 3rd Feb.* 1874.	1·23	Rainfall 1·23. On the 31st January and 1st February rain fell over south of the district; one inch reported from Pointee and Colgong, and 1 48 from Banka. No report yet received of this fall from Soopole and Mudhupoorah. Durand reports from twelve miles north of Ganges very heavy storm on Saturday night. This rain must immensely benefit the cold weather crop, though some damage may have been caused here and there. Distress in parts of Soopole and Mudhupoorah sub-divisions. Sub-divisional officers gone to those places.
	36 Purneah, 31st Jan. 1874.		Rain at Purneah on the 25th January, at Arareah ·36, at Kishengunge ·64. Cold and more rain threatening. The rainfall at the beginning of the week was very fair in the north, where it has done much good to the late wheat and pulses, and where now a full crop may be expected. A good shower also fell at Kushbah Amour, where it enabled people to plough their fields for the spring sowings. The torri crop is being cut and has yielded quite as much as was anticipated. No rain at Kudbah and but a little in the sudder thannah. A fall of 1·36 of rain since telegraphed.
	37 Sonthal Pergunnahs, 31st Jan. 1874.	·11	Cloudy and threatening rain on the 31st January. About ·5 of rain fell at headquarters and was raining till the time of report; it appears to be general. A light rain, which fell at Rajmehal on the 25th January, is said to have improved the prospects of the cold weather crops. A similar rain also fell at Deoghur, but there is not much there to improve.
ORISSA.			
ORISSA DIVISION.	38 Cuttack ...	... ..	Return not received.
	39 Pooree, 24th Jan. 1874	Nil	Fine and cool. Nearly ¼th portion of the late rice crop has been reaped with a very fair outturn. Birhi and koolthi pulses are being gathered with a fair outturn. White moong pulse plants are very well advanced. The result and prospects of the cold weather crops are on the whole fair; the sowing of the daloa rice crop is fast approaching to completion, and the seed sown is germinating well. Nearly the whole of the sugarcane crop has been gathered with a good outturn. Cotton has been sown and is germinating. Mangoe trees are blossoming very slowly and partially, and the crop is expected to be poor owing to the rainy and chilly weather at the end of November and beginning of December, and the absence of frosts subsequently. In the Khoordah sub-division slight rain is wanted for the (*Chaitali*) crops, *i. e*, moong, koolthi, and arahar pulses, which are gathered in Chait or March, and which would be much benefited by one or two showers of rain. Generally speaking, however, rain at the present time will seriously injure the prospects of the mangoe crop Purchases of rice for exportation nearly on the same scale as before, but rice has been somewhat cheaper in the interior owing to the abundant supply of new rice. It has been since reported that nearly half an inch of rain fell on the night of the 30th January; if it has been general it has done considerable damage to mangoe crop.
	40 Balasore, 31st „ „	·33	Cloudy and rainy. The cold weather crop is being reaped. In Bhudruck it is reported to be satisfactory. From the northern parts of the district accounts are not so favorable The recent rain will do good to what has not yet been reaped. It will also be beneficial in other respects. Except some small-pox cases, public health otherwise good

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CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
41	Hazareebaugh, 31st Jan. 1874.	0·81	Mild during the whole week with fleecy clouds indicating rain. Rain in various parts of the district sufficient to start the ploughing for the Dyauck (April) sowings. The cold weather crop is progressing fairly, but has been affected to a certain extent by the frost. No fear of great distress anywhere except in those pergunnahs which abut on Palamow and Gya. Even then, unless the mohuwa crop is a bad crop, there will be no greater pressure than emigration, and the works to be undertaken will relieve. Clouds are threatening at the time of the report.
42	Lohardugga, 31st „ „	1·36	The rainfall does not appear to have been general over the district, but more rain threatening. The cold weather crops of the sub-division have much benefited by it with the exception of mooseor pulse, and it has enabled the ryots to commence the ploughing and preparing of lands for the next crop. The reports from Palamow show that the rain has done much good to the cold weather crops, and that ploughing is going on there. A few cases of small-pox in different parts of the district.
43	Singbhoom, 24th „ „	Nil	Weather settled, clear, and bright. Days getting warm, but nights still cold. District Superintendent in Dhalbhoom. No reports lately received from him, but works in progress. The Deputy Commissioner in the Colehan. Nothing particular to report. The people at work on most of the reservoirs proposed to be constructed as relief works.
44	Maunbhoom, 31st „ „	2·03	Unseasonably warm; heavy rain fell on Sunday, the 25th January, and slight shower in the afternoon of the 30th idem; clouds are hanging over head as if more were coming. The rain has done a great deal of good to the barley, wheat, and gram, which are in the ground. The price of rice is about stationary since last week. Exportation still going on. Ploughing of land for the next crop has commenced everywhere since the rain of the 25th.
ASSAM AND ADJACENT HILLS.			
45	Goalparah, 24th „ „	Nil	Unusually high winds during the first part of the week. Mornings as a rule foggy. Cloudy on the 24th instant, when a few drops of rain fell; looks as if rain would fall soon. No change in the prospects of the crops. The sowing of early rice has commenced; ploughing for aus or early rice steadily progressing. General health of the district is good. A double shock of earth-quake on the morning of the 23rd instant, at 7-25 A.M. ·50 rainfall since telegraphed.
46	Kamroop, 2nd Feb. 1874	0·57	Weather perceptibly warmer and hazy; wind north-east. Mustard seed still being gathered and sugarcane being cut; ground is being ploughed for aus crops. Public health good.
47	Durrung, 24th Jan. „	Nil	Cold mornings, little or no fog, north-east wind prevailing. No improvement since last week in the state of the weather. The sugarcane crop is being cut.
48	Nowgong, 24th „ „	Nil	Weather cold and seasonable. Prospects of the crops unchanged. General health good.
49	Seebsaugor, 24th „ „	Nil	Weather cold and occasionally cloudy. Heavy fog every morning. No rain. Cold weather crops are much in want of rain.
50	Luckimpore, 24th „ „	Nil	No rain during the week. Heavy fogs every morning. Weather very pleasant. The only crop on the ground is mustard, which is doing well. There is a prospect of rain.
51	Naga Hills ...	.....	Return not received.
52	Khasi & Jynteah Hills, 24th Jan. 1874.	Nil	The weather has been cold and frosty, and since 23rd instant there is an appearance of threatening rain. There are crops standing just now, and the cultivators are hoeing their lands for early spring sowing. With regard to food-grain the weekly markets continue to be well supplied. At Shillong common rice sold last market day at 10 seers per rupee and at Cherra 14 seers.
53	Garo Hills, 24th Jan. 1874	Nil	The weather has been hazy and mild during the week. Jooming still continues. A sharp thunder-storm on the 25th January at 5 A.M.; heavy rain afterwards, which seemed to be general; 1 inch of rain fell from 25th to 4 A.M. of the 26th idem, and the weather cleared up.

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BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 10th* Feb. 1874	2·	Weather in the district cold, cloudy, and foggy, with occasional showers of rain. The rain has done good to most of the cold weather crops, besides filling the tanks, softening the ground for ploughing, and causing grass to grow freely. Fever is reported to be prevalent in the Boodbood sub-division and small-pox about Assansole.
2	Bancoorah, 7th „ „	2·71	Cloudy and rainy weather. The heavy rain has benefited the wheat and barley, but damaged the pulses, which are being attacked by worms. Ploughing is going on. Small-pox and cattle disease are abroad.
3	Beerbhoom, 7th „ „	3·61	Weather wet and changeable. Ploughing for early rice crops general. Winter crops much benefited by the rain. Exportation by rail to Patna and Bhaugulpore divisions continues. Prices rising.
4	Midnapore, 7th „ „	2·23	Heavy showers almost daily up to the 5th February. The weather seems to have cleared afterwards. Ploughing is going on over the whole district, and indigo sowings are being proceeded with as quickly as possible. The late rain removes any possible apprehension of a scarcity of water, and has benefited nearly all the crops on the ground. Unfortunately the area covered by them is comparatively small this year.
5	Hooghly, 7th „ „	3·59	Cloudy during the week, accompanied by good showers of rain and thunder; wind chiefly from south-east, north, and north-east. By the rain, teel oil-seed, onions, and sugarcane will be planted; the lands are being ploughed for next rice crop. The rain will give drinking water for a time.
	Howrah, 7th „ „	3·18	Cloudy, wet, and cold. The rain has done much good to the cold weather crops on the ground, and notably to the sugarcane. But this district does not grow much of cold weather crops. The boro rice is now hardly affected by the rain, which has come too late to admit of a further extension of the boro area. The crop is doing very well. Several fatal cases of cholera have occurred in the town. It is hoped the rain will drive the disease away.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 10th† Feb. 1874.	2·20	Warm at the beginning of the week, cooler since Thursday, when there was a heavy fall of rain on the 5th and 6th February. There was general down pour throughout the district. The rain has rendered possible early sowings of the next aus, or early rice crop, and will do much good to the vegetable crops on the ground. It will cause some injury to tobacco and paddy cut and drying in the fields. Cholera abating in Baraset and Barriepore. Three deaths reported from Diamond Harbour. Fever decreasing in Baserhaut and Barriepore.
7	Nuddea, 7th Feb. 1874.	4·37	Heavy rain throughout the district. Weather fine on the 7th February. The rain has prepared the ground for cultivation and renewed the failing supply of drinking water, and has done good to most of the crops, more especially to indigo; on the other hand it has injured the tobacco, linseed, and some other minor crops. On the whole the cultivators regard it as decidedly beneficial. The coarsest kind of rice procurable in most places at Rs. 2-12 per maund, and is nowhere selling at a higher price than Rs. 3.
8	Jessore, 7th „ „	4·47	Cloudy and rainy. The rain has been more than was good for some of the crops still on the ground, but it has been of great benefit in the way of softening the ground for the cultivation of the early rice. It has also benefited the boro rice, a crop grown in the Nurrail, Khoolna, and Bageerhat sub-divisions, in low lands, on the banks of beels and rivers, and which ripens about March and April. It has been favorable also to cheena (millet), and in some places has done good to peas and mustard; on the other hand it has retarded the yield of date-juice for sugar manufacture. Prices continue to rise, and exportation from the southern part of the district is very active.
RAJSHAHYE DIVISION. 9	Moorshedabad, 7th „ „	1·88	Rain fell on the 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 6th February in all parts of the district. It has been cloudy and misty all through the week. The cold weather crops continue to improve in consequence of the rain, except in a limited tract where damaged by hail. The water-supply in the tanks has also been benefited; grass is springing up fast and affording more plentiful grazing to cattle Prices have risen slightly in some places, but the markets are as yet fairly supplied with the exception of Gokurn.
10	Dinagepore, 7th „ „	1·6	Cloudy, with rain throughout the district. The rain has done an immense deal of good, enabling the ryots to commence ploughing for their bhadoi, or early rice crop. The standing crops of wheat, &c., have also benefited. The boro paddy has been nearly all planted out. The cold wet weather lately experienced has rather retarded this crop, but no injury has been done to it. This crop has been put in in many places much earlier than usual. Mustard nearly all cut; the outturn has in most places been average.
11	Maldah, 7th „ „	1·19	Cloudy and rainy on three days of the week, strong westerly winds, and weather very cold. The cold weather crops may now be expected to turn out excellent. The rain has done immense good, and the lands can now be ploughed on all sides, for the early rice. The boro paddy crop may also be now expected to be a good one since rain has fallen. Prices had risen to famine rates in Khurbah before the rain, and distress was reported from there. Since the rain prices have fallen, and prospects generally are more favorable.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
Rajshahye Div.—(*Contd.*) 12	Rajshahye, 7th Feb. 1874	2·24	There was heavy rain throughout the district on the night of the 31st January and 1st February. (It was very heavy about Goolia, in Nattore sub-division.) It has been followed during the week by plentiful showers, in some places on three and in others on two days. Every appearance of further rain. The cold weather crops are considerably improved by the rain of the 31st and 1st, but the reports from the interior were mostly written before the subsequent rain, the general effect of which is not yet known. About Beauleah the khesaree, and moosoor, and urhur pulses and peas and gram have been somewhat beaten down by rain in the last day or two, and unless they get strong sunshine soon the produce may perhaps be deficient. The boro paddy crop is thriving well, and will profit considerably by the recent rain and by any more that may come. The cultivators are taking early advantage of the recent rain, and are ploughing for the next early rice crop, which is generally not done in this district till the middle of March. In some places prices have fallen, and they range from 12 to 14-8 seers per rupee. There are still a few cases of cholera and small-pox reported.
13	Rungpore, 7th „ „	1·20	Much rain during the week, and weather cold and stormy. The winter crops are doing well and much ground has been prepared for spring rice; in some parts it has sprung up; generally sowing is delayed on account of the rain. Tobacco has been damaged by hail and excess of rain. Rice Rs. 4 a maund, in some places Rs. 4-8.
14	Bograh, 7th „ „	5·40	Rain has fallen in the district. Fair at the time of the report. Cutting of sugarcane and mustard continues. Expected outturn of the former about twelve or thirteen annas, of the latter about twelve annas. The recent rain has done much good in preparing the ground for the early crop.
15	Pubna, 7th „ „	1·62	Weather cold, sky dim and cloudy on the night of the 2nd, and on the 5th and 6th February pretty good showers of rain fell. Wind north-west. The winnowing of mashkalai pulse and mustard has been stopped to some extent on account of the late rain. The prospects of the peas, wheat, barley, gram, moosuri, and khesari pulses have improved by the rain. The cheena millet promises very well. The ryots who commenced sowing jully paddy will finish it within this month. They are also transplanting boro paddy in the shallow beels. Both of these early rice crops have been much improved by the late rain. The ryots have taken advantage of the rain to commence ploughing and preparing the land for the spring crop. More cheena millet has been sown than usual. The general prospects of the district have been much improved by the rain. No more rain required for the next three weeks. Fever is much diminished; one or two cases of cholera are daily reported.
Cooch Behar Div. 16	Darjeeling, 7th „ „	0·84	Rainy, cloudy, and very cold. The rain during the week has done good to the cold weather crops, but a little damage to the mustard. There is no change of prices since last week. No signs of distress apparent.
17	Julpigoree, 7th „ „	·76	Cloudy and occasional showers, raw, cold, and foggy; most unusual weather for this time of year. The rain, which was much needed, will do good to the spring crops. Tobacco, which was beginning to suffer from the continued dry weather, has greatly benefited by the rains. No change in the prospect of district. Export still goes on briskly, and the last few days the price of rice has risen; the rise is, however, it is believed, mainly owing to the weather, which has been such as to prevent husking of paddy, and hence less grain came into markets. There is no reason to anticipate any distress in the district except in the parts of Boda before noticed, and even there the prospects are less gloomy than they at first appeared, owing to the general outturn of crop in Boda being better than was at first expected.
	Cooch Behar, 7th „ „	0·63	Cloudy and cold. 0·32 inches of rain fell on the 1st, and some very slight showers on the 2nd and 6th February, in addition to the good fall of rain (1·40) in the previous week. The prospects of tobacco have much improved, and lands are being ploughed for the early rice crop under favorable circumstances. The damage done to tobacco by the hoar frost of the 14th January was very great, but only within a limited area. Relief operations are being extended to the southern part of the state.
	Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division. 18	Dacca, 10th* Feb. 1874	·58	Rain general throughout the district. Prospects of crops good. Health generally good. Some cholera in Moonsheegunge.
19	Furreedpore, 7th Feb. 1874.	1·92	The weather during the week has been most unusual for the time of the year. The total rainfall, though not great, has yet been too much for some of the spring crops; on the other hand, it has enabled the ryots to plough their lands for the next rice crops. Sunshine is much wanted, as the weather has been foggy and cloudy, with continuous drizzle. Unless bright weather comes in immediately, the moosoor and khesari pulses, and peas, &c., are rotting, and must suffer seriously. Wheat, barley, safflower, some oil-seeds, gram, vegetables of all kinds, chillies and melons, are still doing well; date trees and sugarcane however yield very thin and inferior juice in such weather, and as molasses are a considerable source of industry in the district, the loss will be much felt. At Goalundo, strong west wind prevailed, and 3·85 inches of rain fell during the week. Some cases of cholera are reported. The price of coarse rice at Furreedpore and Banga remains the same as last week. At Goalundo and Gopalgunge it has risen slightly, as the damp cloudy weather interferes with the preparation of oosna (boiled) rice. At Madaripore there has been a considerable rise; coarse rice there, at fourteen seers per rupee, while the price at the end of the preceding week was seventeen seers. No reason is assigned for the increase, and an explanation has been called for. Madaripore is situated at the mouth of the Kumar river and a large trade prevails, so that the rise may depend upon the large purchases which Government and others are making both at Goalundo and Madaripore in this district.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Eastern Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
DACCA DIVISION.—(*Contd.*) 20	Backergunge, 31st Jan 1874.	0·96	Cold weather. Prospect of crops good. Though the showers have not been very heavy yet they have done some good.
21	Mymensing, 7th Feb. 1874	3·37	Rain on three days of the week; the principal fall was on the 1st February, and this was general throughout the district; the sky was cloudy at the time of this report, with signs of more rain. The weather is very cold for the time of the year. Accounts are favorable from all parts of the district, and preparation of lands for early rice sowings is actively going on. The spring rice crop promises to be a good one. The price of food has not altered during the week in the greater part of the district; in the northern marts it is slightly higher than last week, but not to any important extent. The health of the district is generally good.
22	Sylhet, 31st Jan. 1874	1·18	Weather cloudy; less cool than last week. There were slight showers during the week. The rain on the 25th January appears to have been general all over the district, but more fell in the north than in the south. In Hingajea and Nabigunge there were in some places hailstones. Whole of the late rice crops have been reaped. The transplantation of the boro rice crop is completed. The prospect of cold weather crops is good. Cultivators are now breaking up their lands for another rice crop. The price of rice is the same as last week. Nearly 4,000 maunds of rice and 5,000 maunds of paddy have been exported to Calcutta and other places. Table rice at 17-8 seers and common rice at 21 seers per rupee. Fresh cases of cholera at Rajnagore and Hingajea. A few cases of small-pox at Gayanghat. Rain has also fallen on the night of the 30th January.
23	Cachar, 31st „ „	1·20	Weather bright and cool for the most part, but cloudy, with rain, on 30th January, and thunder-storm in the same night. All the paddy got in. The trifling weather crop doing well. Price of rice has fallen to Rs. 2 per maund.
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 24	Chittagong, 31st „ „	Nil	Fine and seasonable weather; a few drops of rain fell on the evening of the 30th January, but not enough to be gauged; and there was also a little rain in the north on the 25th idem. The cold weather crops continue to promise well.
25	Noakhally, 31st „ „	0·22	Cloudy and foggy mornings; slight rainfall during three days of the week; has done good to the cold weather sowings.
26	Tipperah, 31st „ „	·86	The fall of rain has been general throughout the district; the weather was stormy and threatening to the 31st January. The rain has done good to the crops on the ground, and has moreover softened the ground, so that the first ploughing for early rice sowing has commenced. Boro paddy on the chur land has been transplanted and promises well. Prices of rice stationary in the north, but there is a very trifling rise in the neighbourhood of Comillah.
27	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 31st Jan. 1874.	·20	Slight fall of rain on the 25th and 26th January, and cloudy on the 30th idem. About one-fourth of the mustard crop has been gathered. The prospects have been bettered by the rain.
	Hill Tipperah, 31st Jan 1874.	1·40	Generally bright and cold; occasionally cloudy; some rain on the 25th and 30th January. No change in the state of the crops; the rain which fell during the week will probably do some good to early sowings. Prices stationary.
BEHAR.			
PATNA DIVISION. 28	Patna, 9th* Feb. 1874	0·11	Weather seasonable; the rain which has fallen at intervals, and unaccompanied with strong winds, has done much good to the cold weather crops, which may now be considered as secure, if there be no hail or heavy storms. The health of the district continues good.
29	Gya, 7th „ „	1·52	Cold and cloudy; rain fell on the 31st January and 1st and 5th February. The cold weather crops have generally improved by the rain. The peas and moosoor pulse, however, which were in blossom, have suffered slightly. In some places the poppy, which was lanced, has also suffered. The health of the district good.
30	Shahabad, 7th „ „	1·18	The fall of rain on Saturday and Sunday last, was general over the whole district. Tuesday bright, Wednesday and Thursday cloudy, with a slight shower on Thursday evening. The clouds have since cleared off; bright sky and west winds prevailing. The rain has been of much benefit to the crops in general, more especially to the wheat and barley. Some complaints have been made as to its effects on the gram, khesari, and mussoor pulses, which were flowering, but as these were also partly in pod, the evil effects on the flower must be to a certain extent counterbalanced by the good done in filling out the grains. Anxiety was cause by the days, Wednesday and Thursday, which were likely to breed blight, but this has been cleared away by sunshine of the 7th instant.
31	Tirhoot, 7th „ „	0·80	Cloudy; more or less rain has fallen all through the district. Weather on the 7th February clearer, with high west wind. In the Seetamarhee sub-division 0·90 of rain has fallen, which has improved the prospects of the cold weather crops, and enabled cultivators to plough their lands for cheena millet, &c. In Durbhangah sub-division the rainfall has been 0·69 at head-quarters, but heavier in the east and south. The mustard crop will be a good one, and rahar and other pulses fair. The cold weather crops, though improved by the rain, will afford no material aid to the people. In Mudhubani sub-division the rainfall has been 0·55; it is feared that it has come too late for any crops but cheena millet and moong pulse, of which a good deal is now being sown; rahar pulse is not so promising as it was. In Hajepore and Tajpore sub-divisions, the cold weather crops have been greatly benefited by rain, the fall of which has risen from ·40 to ·80. Cheena millet and moong pulse are being sown largely in the latter sub-division. In the Sudder sub-division some good has been done by the rain, but more is required to enable the cultivators in many parts to sow cheena millet and moong pulse. Nearly half the rahur pulse crops has been destroyed by hoar frost, the plants in many places having been completely stripped of leaves.

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	BENGAL.—(*Continued.*)		
	Eastern Districts.		
DACCA DIVN. 17	Dacca, Feb. 28 '80	1·1	Weather—fair and bright. State and prospects of crops favorable. Public health good.
18	Furreedpore, „ 28 „	Nil	Weather—rather cool Prospects of crops continue good. General health good.
19	Backergunge, „ 26 „	Nil	Weather—warm, with occasional clouds. Rain last week much benefited *teel* sowings and cold-weather crops generally. Public health good.
20	Mymensingh, „ 27 „	Nil	Weather—fair and seasonable Prospects very favorable. All crops promising. well.
21	Tipperah, . 27 „ Brahmunberiah .	0·30 0·72	Weather—fair and cold at beginning of week. Cloudy and much warmer towards its end. *Boro dhan* promises well. Ploughing going on vigorously.
22	Chittagong, Mar. 2 '80	Nil	Weather—seasonable. Prospects of cold-weather and spring crops satisfactory Cholera still prevalent in Moiscal. Cattle disease in some parts of district. Common rice about 18 seers per rupee.
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 23	Noakholly, Feb. 26 „	Nil	Weather—much colder Prospects of winter crops promising. Isolated cases of small-pox. Fever prevailing in extreme east.
24	Chittagong Hill Tracts, „ 24 „	Nil	Weather—very cold throughout week. *Jum* cutting still continues. Tobacco and other cold-weather crops thriving well.
	Hill Tipperah „ 25 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable State and prospects of crops favorable. Public health good.
	BEHAR.		
25	Patna, ..	.....	Report not received
PATNA DIVN. 26	Gya, Feb 28 '80	Nil	Weather—cold. Maximum reading in shade 86·5°. *Rubbee* generally reported good. Public health good
27	Shahabad. „ 28 ..	Nil	Weather—fair, with strong west wind. Prospects of *rubbee* good. *Rahur* nearly cut. *Masur* and peas continue to be harvested. Public health good.
28	Durbhunga, „ 28 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable Prospects of *rubbee* crops continue favorable. Prices stationary. Public health good.
29	Mozufferpore, „ 28 „	Nil	Weather—fair. State of crops continues very satisfactory.
30	Sarun, „ 28 „	Nil	Weather—fine and cold; west wind prevailing. Cold-weather crops progressing well. Prices stationary. Public health good.
31	Chumparun, „ 28 „	Nil	Weather—fine; strong west wind State and prospects of crops very good.
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 32	Monghyr, Feb 28 '80 Begoosarai .. Jamui ...	Nil 0·2 0·75	Weather—west wind, but still cool. State and prospects of crops good.
33	Bhagulpore, „ 28 „	Nil	Weather—cold, with high westerly wind. Cold-weather crops promise an excellent outturn.
34	Purneah, „ 28 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable *Bhadoi* ploughing commenced. Public health good.
35	Maldah, „ 28 „	Nil	Weather—clear and bright; getting hot. Prospects of crops and public health good
36	Sonthal Perghs, „ 28 „	Nil	Nights and mornings cool; days hot. Ploughing going on.

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CHOTA NAGPORE—(*Contd.*)			
	South-West Frontier Agency.—(Contd.)		
44	Maunbhoom, 7th Feb. 1874	1·68	Cooler since the rain. Heavy rain fell on Sunday, and slight showers during the week. Hail fell in pergunnahs Chelcama, Banchss, and Pundra. The rain has further benefited the wheat, barley, and gram, and will be good for the mangoes, though it is feared it will injure the mohwa crop. The hailstones, being unusually large, have injured most of the standing crops of those pergunnahs. Prices still show a tendency to rise.
ASSAM AND ADJACENT HILLS.			
45	Goalparah, 31st Jan. "	·36	Cloudy and windy throughout the week, with occasional sunshine; a little rain on the 25th and 26th January. Mornings generally foggy. At Dhoobree sub-division ·50 inches of rain fell on the 25th idem. The late rain has done much good to the crops now on the ground, and to the land under preparation for the early rice crop. General health of the district good.
46	Kamroop, 9th* Feb. "	0·75	Weather cool, with occasional heavy showers of rain. Barometer at the time of this report very low and falling. The land is being ploughed for the early rice crops. Public health good.
47	Durrung, 31st Jan. "	0·18	Very unsettled weather in the early part of the week South-west wind prevailing (chiefly so in the upper current, large quantities of clouds going south-west to north-east). Towards the close of the week strong north-east breezes. The sugarcane crop is being cut and is found very inferior.
48	Nowgong, 31st " "	·20	Heavy rain to the south and light rain in the centre of the district on the 25th January; state of the cold weather crops same as last week. General health good.
49	Seebsaugor, 7th Feb. "	1·32	Weather cold and cloudy. A good shower of rain on the 26th January. The rain that has fallen during the last few days, will do much good to the cold weather crops. Sugarcane has been cut.
50	Luckimpore, 31st Jan. "	·67	The first four days of the week were gloomy and somewhat warmer than usual at this season. Rain fell on three days. 30th January very cold and cloudy. The mustard seed harvest has begun in some places, the crop is generally good. Public health good except in one village in the North Luckimpore sub-division, where a few cases of cholera have occurred.
51	Naga Hills ...	.....	Return not received.
52	Khasi & Jynteah Hills, 31st Jan. 1874.	Nil	The weather has been cold and damp, and slight rain has fallen at intervals. There are no crops standing, and the cultivators are busy in hoeing and tilling their lands. Markets continue to be well supplied with food-grains, and rice, common sort, selling from ten to fourteen seers per rupee.
53	Garo Hills, 31st Jan. 1874	2·7	Since Monday's rain the weather was bright and cold. A little rain fell on the night of the 30th January, and the weather has been again cloudy. Jooming still continues.

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Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 14th February 1874.

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BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 16th* Feb. 1874	·11	Nearly two inches of rain fell at Cutwa over one inch at Boodbood, ·15 inches at Culna, but none at Jehanabad or Raneegunge. The cold weather crops are doing well. Prices rising. Small-pox still prevalent in the Raneegunge sub-division. Fever as before.
2	Bancoorah, 14th „ „	Nil	Mornings foggy; fine in the day. An earthquake passed south-westwards at 7-30 P.M. of the 13th February. The late rain injured the standing sugarcane and the crops lying cut, but has done good in moistening the earth for ploughing, and the burnt-up grass looks green again. A few cases of cholera reported.
3	Beerbhoom, 14th „ „	Nil	Fine; mornings frequently foggy; slight shock of earthquake on Friday evening at Soory. Prospects of coming season and of winter crops, wheat, pulses, and vegetables good; grazing lands, sugarcane, and mulberry benefited by the recent rains; ploughing, manuring, and top-dressing busily proceeding; indigo sowings advanced. Tanks being dug in many places. No danger of any serious distress in the district if the weather continues favorable. Exportation by rail up-country 5,776 maunds. Prices show a tendency to fall.
4	Midnapore, 14th „ „	0·24	Changeable weather. Partial showers of rain of frequent occurrence. Prospects greatly improved owing to the rain. Standing crops are on the whole somewhat improved, but the prospects of the future crops of mulberry, indigo, and aus or early rice crop are so much improved as greatly to better the general condition of the people and make the landlords and mahajuns much more willing to assist them. Sunshine is now wanted.
5	Hooghly, 14th „ „	·53	Three days cloudy in the week; nearly half an inch of rain fell. Wind variable, west, north-west, south, and easterly. The occasional rain will give drinking water for some time; lands are being ploughed for next rice crop.
	Howrah, 14th „ „	.....	Weather much warmer. A thunder-storm with rain on the night of the 13th February. All crops in the ground (including boro rice) reported to be doing unusually well, and to have benefited greatly by the rain. Cholera still in the town.*
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 17th† Feb. 1874.	0·89	Warm at the beginning of the week; sky overcast on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; on that night some rain fell throughout the district. The sugarcane and vegetable crops have been improved by the rain. Peas and pulses are being gathered. Land is being fast prepared for the next early rice crop. Fever abating in Basirhat, Baripore, and Barrackpore. A few cases of cholera reported from Thannahs Hasnabad, Bhangor, Areada, Kaligunge, Bankipore, and Muthoorapore. It has disappeared from or abated in Nyhatty, Barrackpore, and Baripore. Some small-pox reported from Nowabgunge and north suburban town.
7	Nuddea, 14th Feb. 1874.	0·23	Warm and damp. Unusually cloudy. Rain has generally fallen. Damage was done by hail in a few places on the 1st February. In other respects the crops, with the exception of those which had ripened or had been cut, but not thrashed when the rain fell, have greatly improved. Clear and dry weather is now required. Price of commonest rice is generally a little less than it was before the rain.
8	Jessore, 14th „ „	·05	Cloudy and rather warm with a south-westerly wind. The rain has somewhat injured part of the Baron amun late rice, that is the portion of the late rice crop which grows on the low grounds which is still heaped on the fields unthrashed. The boro rice is doing well; land is being prepared for teel (oil-seed) and for the early rice. The prices of food-grains fluctuate with an upward tendency. The fluctuations are in part due to the difficulty of unhusking and bringing to market in consequence of the unseasonable weather, and partly to the demand for exportation.
RAJSHAHYE DIVISION. 9	Moorshedabad, 14th „ „	0·10	A very slight rainfall in the station on the night of the 13th February and was cloudy on the 14th. The weather has been somewhat close. The cold weather crops continue to improve, and ploughing still affords employment to many of the labouring classes. From Nowada it is reported that holders of paddy are opening their stores and lending grain to the people. Prices have accordingly fallen slightly in that place. The district is free from cholera at present, but small-pox is on the increase. The latest reports show that 386 persons are suffering from the disease.
10	Dinagepore, 14th „ „	·22	There have been some showers of rain throughout the district. Mustard has been nearly all gathered; there has been a fair crop on the whole. Planting out of boro paddy nearly completed; the crop will be earlier than usual. Preparations for bhadoi (early) sowings being pushed on. Cholera, which had appeared in a few places, disappeared since the rain.
11	Maldah, 14th „ „	0·03	Cloudy and sunny alternately; slight rain, with thunder and lightning, on the night of the 13th February, and threatening rain at the close of the week. Cold weather crops and boro paddy flourishing. Mustard reaped and yielded a fair average crop. The numbers seeking employment in relief works in the north-west tract (Khurbah) daily increasing. Prices easier this week.

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No.	District and date of return	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
RAJSHAHYE DIVN.—(*Contd.*) 12	Rajshahye, 14th Feb. 1874.	·30	There was slight rain all over the district on one day, and at Singra, Pootea and Nattore it rained on two days. On the night of the 13th there was a sharp storm at Beauleah—wind and rain accompanied by thunder and lightning. The cold weather crops have been generally much improved by the rain, but some little injury has been caused to khesaree and urhur pulses and peas. Boro paddy is doing well and is being transplanted; ploughing is going on vigorously. Prices of rice are falling in several parts of the district.
13	Rungpore, 14th Feb. 1874	0·35	Weather much warmer, but continues cloudy and storms threatening. Winter crops are generally favorable. Pulses and wheat are getting on, but more rain will probably damage them, and the wheat, it is feared, will be eaten by insects. The tobacco has in some places been cut up by hail, but is generally good. A large breadth of ground has been prepared for spring rice, but sowing is delayed on account of the wetness of the soil.
14	Bograh, 14th „ „	·26	Rain fell on the night of the 13th February and cloudy afterwards. The rain that has already fallen has done great good to mulberry. It has also benefited the spring crops, but no more rain is wanted for some time. Sugarcane is being cut still. Yield may be 13 annas. Motor, khesaree, and moosoor pulses and gram getting on fairly well. Hemp in Sariakandy is being reaped.
15	Pubna, 14th „ „	.....	The weather is warm for the time of the year, but is very favorable for the crops and for agriculture. Heavy rain fell at Pubna on the morning of the 14th February. The cold weather crops have been much improved by the previous rain and are doing well. The kaun and cheena (millets) cultivation is also looking well, and has been largely extended to meet the demand for cheap coarse food. The jally paddy is being planted, and will be all in the ground by the end of this month (Fulgoon). The boro paddy is still being transplanted, but the transplanting is almost finished. The general prospects of the district are improved.
COOCH BEHAR DIVN. 16	Darjeeling, 14th „ „	0·16	Rainy during the first part of the week, latterly sunshiny and windy. The rains have done much good to the spring crops; slight damage, however, has been done to the kalai (pulse) and mustard. The prices are nearly the same as last week. No actual distress yet apparent.
17	Julpigoree, 14th „ „	·02	Early part of the week cold and cloudy; last few days much milder, still cloudy; in fact it has been and still is unusually cloudy for the time of the year. Ploughing for early paddy crop going on; much more land than usual is being prepared. Tobacco promises very well. Potatoes and other vegetables very good. Sugarcane very good. Land being prepared for jute and sugarcane. The late rain has been most beneficial, and everything looks well for the next rice crop. Prices of rice vary, at some places very dearer, at others cheaper, but all round much the same as last week. No distress in the district. General health good.
	Cooch Behar, 14th „ „	Nil	Cloudy up to Wednesday; there was a drizzling on that day. Fair from Thursday. No change since last week; some crops will be injured if more rain falls during this month. Wheat has been already injured a little.
	Eastern Districts.		
DACCA DIVISION. 18	Dacca, 17th* Feb. 1874	0·2	Rain on two days, rest fine. Prospects of crops good. The alternate rain and sunshine has been very beneficial.
19	Furreedpore, 14th Feb. 1874.	0·75	The weather throughout the week was unsettled; there were heavy fogs on Tuesday and Wednesday, which lasted up to a late hour in the forenoon of the latter day; it was very cloudy during both those days, and on Friday forenoon the weather was heavy and threatening, but the clouds dispersed in the afternoon after a slight drizzle. On Saturday morning a slight thunder-storm passed over Furreedpore accompanied by the smart shower of rain which lasted for upwards of an hour; three-fourths of an inch fell, but the rain does not seem to have been general. The cloudy weather during the week has seriously damaged the pulses generally. Wheat and barley remain as last week, but the melon tribes have improved, and ploughing is steadily getting on all over the country. Price of coarse rice has risen everywhere in consequence of the large purchases made by private persons, managers of estates and others. There were a few cases of cholera at Goalundo among coolies passing to tea districts.
20	Backergunge, 7th Feb. 1874.	1·19	Weather variable, sometimes cold and sometimes damp and depressing. Prospects fair. The rain has done good to the kalai pulse, &c, but has injured the teel (oil-seed) and pepper crops. Except in Dakhin Shabazpore, there is not much cold weather crop in this district.
21	Mymensing, 14th Feb 1874.	0·32	The weather generally throughout the week has been stormy and cloudy; heavy fogs in the mornings and an unusually low temperature. On the morning of the 14th there was a storm with high wind and heavy rain. There are signs of more rain in the sky. In the north-west of the district the rain of the 11th February was accompanied by a severe hail-storm. The rain of the past week has done as much harm as good in the district. The hail has injured the tobacco and vegetables, and rain is not now wanted for the boro rice crop. In the fields which have been ploughed for the aus or early rice sowings a crop of weeds is springing up in consequence of the rain. Prices of food-grains are very nearly the same as last week, but show rather a tendency to rise. If more rain should fall, the price of food may be expected to be higher next week. The district is generally healthy.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Eastern Districts.—(Contd.)		
Dacca Divn. 22	Sylhet ...	.....	Return not received.
Dacca Divn. 23	Cachar, 7th Feb. 1874	1·35	Very pleasant weather. No change in the prospects of the unimportant cold weather crops. Rice is still at Rs. 2 per maund in the station and less at Hylakandy.
Chittagong Divn. 24	Chittagong, 7th „ „	·46	Getting warmer. Rain fell in the station on the 6th February, and looks like more rain. The fall was not enough to have much effect. Cold weather crops continue to promise well.
Chittagong Divn. 25	Noakhally, 7th „ „	·88	Cloudy and rainy. Frequent showers of rain have facilitated opening up the ground for the spring crops. Reports of the growing crops are favorable. Subsequent report shows a further rainfall of 0·74 inches.
Chittagong Divn. 26	Tipperah, 7th „ „	·83	It has rained six days out of the seven, the temperature fell considerably in consequence. The rain has done good to the cold weather crops and to the boro paddy; the cultivation of the latter having much increased in consequence of the stimulus given by high prices. The price of rice has risen since the last report. Further rainfall of ·88 inches till the 14th instant since reported.
Chittagong Divn. 27	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 7th Feb. 1874.	·38	Slight fall of rain on the 6th February, afterwards cloudy. The mustard has been nearly gathered. The yield is about the average. The hillmen have begun to clear lands for their joom cultivation.
	Hill Tipperah, 7th Feb 1874.	·48	Slight showers of rain on the 1st, 2nd, and 5th February. Weather cloudy with occasional breaks of sunshine. Ploughing in the plains for the early sowings has commenced here and there. Prices unchanged.
BEHAR			
Patna Division. 28	Patna, 16th* Feb. 1874	Nil	Weather seasonable. The rain of last week has done much good to the crops, especially to wheat, barley, and oats; some of the crops, such as mussoor (pulse), peas and gram are being harvested, which affords labor to the poor. Health of the district good.
Patna Division. 29	Gya, 14th „ „	Nil	Cool. The prospects of the cold weather crops continue good. The late rain has done much good to them. In some parts, the mussoor (pulse) is being gathered. Report from the Jehanabad sub-division shows that from the 31st January till 6th February, about an inch of rain fell at Jehanabad and the same at Arwal, but at Kinjar and some five miles on each side of the Poonpoon the fall was heavy and must have reached some four inches at least. At Wahedad and the neighbourhood (in Arwal) and also in the direction of Barabar Hills rain has also fallen to the extent of some three inches. In these tracts the ryots are actively engaged in breaking up the land and in sowing cheena (millet).
Patna Division. 30	Shahabad, 14th „ „	Nil	A slight fall of rain in Sasseram, ·34 inches. The weather generally during the week has been clear, and there is now a strong west wind blowing. Further reports show that, as a whole, the cold weather crops have been much benefited by the rain of the week before last. On the low dearah lands, close to the Ganges, the gram has been injured, having run to leaf and stalk without the grain forming. The boro paddy in some places was flooded. No further cases of cattle diseases reported from the Rhotas and Sasseram Pergunnahs.
Patna Division. 31	Tirhoot, 14th „ „	Nil	Clear with westerly wind prevailing. In the Madhubani sub-division, cheena (millet) and moong (pulse) were reported to have been sown in considerable quantities, but the sub-divisional officer reports that he has just returned from a tour in the north and west, and saw very little cultivation of any kind. The recent rain is reported to have done little good, it came too late and the rahur (pulse) did not profit by it. In Seetamarhi there was on the 6th instant a rainfall of 1·10 inches which has benefited the spring crops. On the 11th there was a passing shower in some villages to the north of Seetamarhi, and people have been seen emigrating in small numbers from the northern pergunnahs, Kunowli, Mohind, and Parearpur, to places lower down where there was a better crop, and party from Kunowli pergunnah said "we are leaving 'akal-ka moolnek,' the famine tract." In Hajepore sub-division the late rains, as already reported, have materially benefited the crops. If there be no frost now, the cold weather crops will be safe for at least a ten-anna crop. In the Durbhungah sub-division the mustard has ripened in some places and is ripening in others. The state of the rahur (pulse) is the same as in last week. People are sowing cheena (millet). In the Tajpur sub-division everything looks much fresher for the recent rains, especially the late-sown wheat and barley. The early wheat and barley, which having got into ear before the rain, has not been so much benefited, so far as grain is concerned, will, by reason of the rain, yield more fodder for cattle which is an important consideration. First cuttings of tobacco commenced. The ryots complain that buyers are not coming in as in ordinary years. Much land has been sown with moong (pulse), cheena, and kowni (millets) and everywhere cultivation has been going on. The rain has benefited the cold weather crops in the sudder sub-division, but by the frost of the previous week, the rahur (pulse) was unfortunately much damaged in certain tracts, especially round about Turki, some twelve miles from Mozufferpur on the Seetamarhi road.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
Patna Division.—(*Contd.*) 32	Sarun, 14th Feb. 1874	Nil	Cold and dry weather, east and west winds. The recent rain has been of immense benefit to the crops, which have improved so wonderfully that an outturn of eight annas all round or even more may possibly now be obtained; while sowings of cheena (millet) are also being largely undertaken. On unirrigated lands, however, without more rain the cheena crop cannot come to anything. The prospects of the crops are best in the Darowlie and Dighwarah thannahs, and worst in the Bassuntpore, Mushruk, Barowlee, and Baragaori thannas. The damage by frost is now believed to have been exaggerated in many parts of the district. Peas and mustard are being harvested in places. Poppy in flower. Wheat, barley, and gram doing well. Rahur (pulse) in some places has reached maturity, and in some is in full blossom or giving out pods. Indigo seed in some of the factories is being put in the ground. Prices of barley, Indian-corn, and gram have slightly risen.
33	Chumparun, 14th „ „	Nil	West winds. No material change to report; the late rain has, as was anticipated, been of much benefit to the cold weather crops. The average outturn will, it is anticipated, be about a six-anna crop. The ryots are busy for the spring crops. The rahur (pulse) has suffered considerably from the frost.
Bhaugulpore Divs. 34	Monghyr, 14th „ „	Nil	Slight showers on Friday night. Generally strong westerly winds by day, and weather sensibly warmer. The rain noticed in last return has done a great deal of good. The prospects of the cold weather crops are now very favorable.
35	Bhaugulpore, 17th* „ „	Nil	Weather unusually warm. Prospects of the cold weather crops very favorable. Price of rice in Mudhupurah rising. A few cases of small-pox reported from Banka; health otherwise good.
36	Purneah, 14th „ „	Nil	Weather fair. The prospects of the cold weather crops are excellent everywhere; the gram is looking particularly well. The late rain has enabled people to plough and sow cheena and kowni (millets) and early rice (jamira). In the south near Munihari prices have kept much the same, but everywhere else they have risen fast.
37	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 14th Feb. 1874.	Nil	Cloudy and threatening rain during part of the week, latter part clear and cold again. No change in the state and prospects of the crops since last week.
ORISSA.			
Orissa Division. 38	Cuttack, 17th* Feb. 1874.	·40	Weather cool. Spring crops promising well. Public health good.
39	Pooree, 7th Feb. 1874	1·	Cool and cloudy, with occasional showers of rain and strong wind. The harvest of the late rice crop has been nearly completed. The outturn is very fair. Birhi and koolthi (pulses) have been gathered to an extent of nearly seven-eighth of the whole with a good outturn. White moong (pulse) plants are growing very well. The result and prospect of the cold weather crops are on the whole fair. The sowings of the dalua rice crop are well advanced and growing up well. Nearly fifteen-sixteenth of the sugarcane crop has been gathered with a good outturn. Cotton plants are growing up well. Mango is in blossom, but indifferent owing to the rain. Jack fruits are promising. The rain which has fallen has not injured any grain crops, and has accelerated the tilling of the lands preparatory to cultivation of the ensuing paddy crops, besides being beneficial to the cold weather and dalua crops. Purchases of grain for export continue on a moderate scale and prices are stationary. Public health on the whole good, except that fever has prevailed to some degree.
40	Balasore, 14th „ „	·40	Weather warmer; rain with thunder on the night of the 13th February. The pulses have yielded well; castor-oil and other oil-seed crops are excellent. The amount however of spring crops in this district is quite insignificant. The prospects in pergunnah Soso are improved. Except two cases of cholera and some small-pox cases, public health otherwise good.
ASSAM AND ADJACENT HILLS. *South-West Frontier Agency.*			
41	Hazareebaugh, 7th Feb. 1874.	3·14	Heavy rain during the first half of the week. The cold weather crops have been undoubtedly benefited by the rain. The wheat, barley, and gram on the west of the district have been saved from destruction. The rain however came *so* late that the crops lost much of the beneficial effect that would have been expected if it had fallen a fortnight earlier. The rain has however been general, and has enabled the cultivators to plough the whole of their lands. The prices are however very high, higher even than last week, being under 13 seers for the commonest rice. In some parts of the district however rice was before the rain selling at 11 seers, and it fell, immediately the rain burst, to 13 seers. The same rain however, which has benefited the wheat and gram, has undoubtedly increased jungle produces and food for the cattle. Tanks too are filled, and the country can now last, until the ordinary lesser rains, as regards water. Hail has done some damage to the poppy crop, but nothing has been reported as affecting the mowah and mango prospects for harm. Altogether, though prices are very high, the prospects of the district have improved since last report.

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CHOTA NAGPORE—(*Contd.*)			
	South-West Frontier Agency.—(*Contd.*)		
42	Lohardugga, 14th Feb. 1874.	Nil	Weather bright with high winds. What crops there are in the sudder sub-division have been much benefited by the rain of last week; the lands are everywhere being prepared for the next crop. There was heavy rain at Palamow on the 4th and 5th February, since which the weather has been fine; a small portion of the more advanced crops have suffered to some extent, but the less advanced, which form the greater area, will benefit largely, provided there is no more rain. A few cases of small-pox have been reported, principally from the Palamow sub-division.
43	Singbhoom, 7th Feb. 1874	3·66	Up to the 6th February the weather was heavy, damp, and cloudy; bright and clear on the 7th. There has been abundant rain all over the district. This rain will do a world of good to such crops as rahur and mooseori (pulses and gram) which are now on the ground. It will also prove of the utmost benefit in enabling the people to plough and prepare their lands.
44	Manbhoom, 14th „ „	Nil.	Warm during the week, with fogs in the mornings, but cooler on the 14th February after the slight shower of rain which fell on the night of the 13th with high wind. Good fall of rain reported from Gobindpore sub-division. No change in the prospects since last week; bright and sunny weather is wanted for the mohwa crop, which much more rain would seriously injure. Some cases of small-pox reported from Gobindpore sub-division.
ASSAM AND ADJACENT HILLS.			
45	Goalpurah, 7th Feb. 1874	1·06	Cloudy throughout the week with occasional sunshine; heavy rain on the 1st and 6th February. In Dhoobree ·63 inches of rain during the week. The rain will do much good to the cold weather crops and to the land under preparation for the aus or early rice crops. Public health good.
46	Kamroop ...	.....	Return not received.
47	Durrang, 7th „ „	0·55	Very unsettled, chilly days, direction of wind constantly changing. Prospects of the spring crops good.
48	Nowgong, 7th „ „	0·49	Weather cloudy and damp during the past week. Rain fell last Sunday all day and again last night; it has been general all over the district, and has done immense good and prepared the hard ground for the plough.
49	Seebsaugor, 7th „ „	1·66.	Weather cold and cloudy. There was rain almost every day in the week. The crops now on the ground have benefited much by the late rain, which has also enabled preparations to be made for the forthcoming aus or early rice crop. The weather has also been favorable for tea.
50	Luckimpore, 7th „ „	0·74	The whole week was gloomy and cold. Several showers The mustard seed crop is a good one on the churs and middling on the main land. Preparation of the land for the aus or early rice crop commenced. No further report of cholera received. Public health good.
51	Naga Hills ...	.....	Return not received.
52	Khasi & Jynteah Hills, 7th Feb 1874.	1·81	The weather has been rainy throughout the week, and rain has fallen every day more or less. The cultivators are busy preparing their lands for spring sowings. There are no crops standing. The food-grains at the markets continue to be plentiful. Rice, common sort, selling from 11 to 15 seers per rupee.
53	Garo Hills, 7th Feb. 1874	3·47	Cloudy and cold with frequent showers of rain throughout the week. Hailstones fell on the 3rd instant. The rain is unseasonable and interferes with jooming operations.

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 11th February 1874.

Rainfall, Weather and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 21st February 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
	BENGAL.		
	Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division. 1	Burdwan, 24th* Feb. 1874	Nil	There have been slight showers at Cutwa and Boodbood: the weather has bee warmer all over the district. The cold weather crops, especially potatoes, are doin extremely well. Fever as before.
Burdwan Division. 2	Bancoorah, 21st „ „	Nil	Dry and rapidly becoming hot; several mornings foggy. Sugarcane being cut, as als some other of the cold weather crops; boro paddy being sown in a few place Small-pox showing a tendency to decrease.
Burdwan Division. 3	Beerbhoom, 21st „ „	Nil	Clear and hot; mornings occasionally foggy. No change in the state of the crop since last report. Export by rail, chiefly to Bhaugulpore and Patna Division 6,349 maunds. Price of rice slightly fallen.
Burdwan Division. 4	Midnapore, 21st „ „	.....	Cold in the early part of the week, but the hot weather seems now to have set in State of crops unchanged since last report. Sporadic cholera in almost ever police station.
Burdwan Division. 5	Hooghly, 21st „ „	Nil	Clear; wind chiefly from north and south. Potato crop is almost gathered, sugar cane nearly half cut, it was a fair outturn. Lands are being ploughed for nex year's crops. Sporadic cholera about.
Burdwan Division.	Howrah, 21st „ „	·23	Warm and fair. The boro paddy has now been almost all planted out from th nurseries and continues to do very well. The late rain has benefited all crop and has allowed of the fields being prepared for the next large rice crop.
	Central Districts.		
Presidency Division. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 24th† Feb. 1874.	Nil	Warmer. The sky has been clear, with the exception of Monday when it wa overcast. Few crops on the ground. Tobacco injured by the late rains. Barle looks flourishing. Ploughing going on for the next early rice crop, which wi this year be sown on a larger scale than usual. Fever abating at Basirhat an Barrackpore. Cholera appears to have disappeared from Nyhatty and Kaligunge a few cases reported from Hasnabad, Badmia, and Digunga.
Presidency Division. 7	Nudden, 21st „ „	Nil	Seasonable, but perhaps a little warmer than usual. Date-sugar, linseed and tobacc (and in some parts pulses) are said to have been injured by the rain. Upon th whole, however, great good was done by it. In most parts of the district coars rice can be had for less than Rs. 3 per maund. There have been outbreaks c cholera in a few villages. Medicines have been sent, and an extra native docto applied for.
Presidency Division. 8	Jessore, 21st „ „	·05	Clear, but occasionally misty in the mornings. Wind westerly; a little rain in th beginning of the week. Indigo spring sowings have commenced. The newly sown teel (oil-seed) and boro rice getting on well. The baran amun (late rice) ha been gathered, and has given in the south of the district a 12-anna crop, and i some places more. Prices continue much the same.
Rajshahye Division. 9	Moorshedabad, 21st „ „	Nil	No rain fell during the week; occasionally misty; getting much warmer. There i no change as regards the crops; they are progressing favorably. The outturn o mulberry is expected to be very good. Cultivators of the plant will derive much assistance from the sales for the next silk *bund*. Prices have fallen slightly in some places and risen in others. There is a slight diminution in small-pox cases.
Rajshahye Division. 10	Dinagepore, 21st „ „	Nil	A little rain in one or two places the early part of the week: otherwise bright sun shining weather; wind generally from west. Planting out of the boro rice i being carried on in places; some of the earlier planted rice has suffered from th cold, but should recover now that the weather is warmer. Preparations for th bhadoi (early rice) sowings being pushed on everywhere.
Rajshahye Division. 11	Maldah, 21st „ „	Nil	Fair weather, favorable to the growing of the cold weather crops and to th transplanting of the boro paddy, all of which promise a favorable yield, i nothing unforeseen occurs to injure them. Prices stationary. Relief work affording occupation in distressed tracts.
Rajshahye Division. 12	Rajshahye, 21st Feb. 1874	Nil	Mornings generally foggy; slight rain reported from all thannahs; a little hail fell in Buraigon, Nattore, and Pootea, most at the latter place, where it did some damage. The cold weather crops, wheat, barley, millet, &c., have improved urhur and khesaree (pulses) and gram and peas have suffered from the rain, but the extent of the injury is not great. Transplanting of boro rice continues favorably Ploughing for the next early and late rice sowings are going on. Prices of rice continue stationary. In Singra and in some parts of Tannore rice has been sold at 15 seers per rupee. Nine deaths out of 12 cases of cholera reported from Manda.

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 13th March 1880.

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	No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)				
		Eastern Districts.—(Contd.)		
Chittagong Divn.	27	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 14th Feb. 1874.	1·53	Fall of rain on the 13th and 14th February; cloudy throughout the week. The mustard has nearly been gathered. The outturn is said to be a 12-anna one. The hill men are engaged in joom cutting.
		Hill Tipperah, 14th Feb 1874.	2·05	Pretty heavy rain on the 11th and 12th February; strong gusts of wind from the south-west. No change in the state of the crops. Coarse rice selling at Rs. 2·3 per maund.
BEHAR				
Patna Division.	28	Patna, 23rd* " "	Rainfall not perceptible in the gauge.	On the 23rd February a very slight shower of rain; weather cloudy, with occasional breaks of sunshine. Prospects of the cold weather crops continue to be good. A few cases of small-pox in the sudder sub-division.
	29	Gya, 21st " "	Nil	Weather cool. A very slight fall of rain on the 21st February at the sudder station. The prospects of the cold weather crops are good. The mussoor (pulse) and peas are being harvested. Prices show a tendency to fall. Health of the district good.
	30	Shahabad, 21st " "	Nil	No rain; weather clear and bright; prevailing wind west; cloudy on the 21st February. Prospects good. Wheat, peas and khesaree pulse are being gathered. The peas, rahur and mussoor (pulses) have suffered both from the frost and rain; and will not give such a full outturn as was expected. Cheena (millet) is being sown in different directions. General health good.
	31	Tirhoot, 21st " "	Nil	Cloudy, westerly wind prevailing. In the Hajipore sub-division there is no change since last report. The rahur pulse and other crops in the Mohowah Elaka which the sub-divisional officer has just seen are remarkably fine. That officer reports that he sees no reason to alter the opinion which he wrote last week. In the Tajpore sub-division, the late rains are said to have done more good than it was expected they would to the crops on the ground. Mustard is being cut, as also tobacco. It is impossible yet to estimate the extent of the recent sowings of mung and kawni, and cheena (millet), some of which have germinated. Prices have fallen slightly. In the Madhubuni sub-division, some mung (pulse) and cheena (millet) have been sown, the police even report in large quantities, but the Collector does not think such is the case. Rahur (pulse) and other crops do not promise any better In the Durbhangah sub-division the mustard is being gathered in places and is a good crop, being nowhere less than ten annas and in some localities fully twelve annas. The rahur (pulse) continues to give every promise of being a 10-anna crop. Peas and wheat, except in isolated localities, are very poor, and oats still worse. There has been a good deal of cheena (millet) sown during the week: on the whole it is evident that, with the exception of rahur (pulse), no great aid will be derived from the year's cold weather crop. Tobacco looks fair, but it will be under an average crop. In the Seetamarhee sub-division, the reports received from all sides show that the barley and wheat, rahur (pulse) and gram are coming on well after the rain that fell in the previous week. The timely fall of rain on the 6th February has enabled the ryots to sow cheena (millet), moong (pulse), sama and kawni (millet). Rahur (pulse) crop will be cut within a fortnight. The public health is good. The cattle are in good condition. In the sudder sub-division the prospects remain pretty much the same.
	32	Sarun, 21st " "	Nil	Weather fair and seasonable till the 20th; cloudy on the 21st; west wind prevailing. The prospects of the cold weather crops continue good. Peas, mustard, and mussoor pulse are being harvested. Wheat and barley ripening; rahur pulse doing well. Poppy in flower and giving out pods. Ryots are actively engaged in sowing cheena (millet) and planting sugarcane. Indigo seed in some of the factories is being put in the ground. Mango is in blossom. New peas and mussoor pulse are coming into the market. Prices have fallen.
	33	Chumparun, 21st " "	Nil	East and west winds. The prospects of the cold weather crops continue for the most part good, but blight is reported from some parts of the district and hail from the neighbourhood of Bagaha, but no great damage is stated to have taken place. Prices of food much the same as last week.
Bhaugulpore Divn.	34	Monghyr, 21st " "	Nil	Set fair. Cold weather crops generally looking very well. The wheat is an average crop; if no unforeseen calamity occurs a 12-anna crop will be cut.
	35	Bhaugulpore, 24th " "	·1	No report yet received from the interior. Prospect of crops in all sub-divisions favorable. Health good.
	36	Purneah, 21st " "	Nil	Getting very hot. The toori (mustard) crop is nearly all cut and in the south being exchanged for rice. Wheat is in ear. Kawni (millet) and early rice (jamira and julli) are being sown.
	37	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 21st Feb. 1874.	Nil	Getting warm; the end of the week saw a great increase in temperature. No change in the state and prospects of the crops since last week in Rajmehal. Cheena (millet) seems to be getting on well. Ploughing still active.

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	ORISSA.		
Orissa Division. 38	Cuttack, 24th* Feb. 1874	Nil	Weather cloudy and warm. Dalua paddy thriving well. Cold weather crops in very good condition. Public health good.
39	Pooree, 14th „ „	Nil	Warm and occasionally cloudy, with strong winds. The harvest of the late rice crop has been completed and the outturn is very fair. Berhi and koolthi pulses have been very nearly completely gathered with a good outturn. White moong is flowering. The result and prospects of the cold weather crops are on the whole fair. The sowings of the dalua rice crop are approaching completion and are doing well. The sugarcane crop has been fully gathered in with a good outturn. Cotton is thriving well. The mango trees are beginning to bear fruit, but it is indifferent owing to the late rain. The tillage of the soil for the cultivation of the ensuing paddy crop is going on busily owing to the moisture left on the ground by the late rains. Purchases of grain for export continue on a moderate scale, and prices are generally almost stationary. Public health on the whole good.
40	Balasore, 21st „ „	Nil	Getting warmer. Ploughing going on actively; general prospects improved in Bhadruck, especially in pergunnah Sosoh. Price of rice unaltered in the district. Two outbreaks of small-pox and a few deaths from cholera reported. Some cattle disease in the Bhadruck and Jellasore portions of the district.
	CHOTA NAGPORE.		
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
41	Hazareebaugh, 14th Feb. 1874.	.....	The weather had been fine till the 13th February, when it became overcast and a little rain fell; it has again cleared off. Strong westerly wind. The rain of the last week has in every way improved the prospects. The crops in the ground have benefited, and cultivators are actively engaged in tilling lands. Prices stationary. Public health good.
42	Lohardugga, 21st Feb. 1874.	Nil	Bright and warm, with high wind. The reports of the crops, especially from Palamow, are more cheering. The sub-divisional officer reports that the prospects are doubled owing to the late rain, and that a 10 to 12-anna outturn may be expected, but unfortunately the area under cultivation is very small. Ploughing and cultivation are still going on.
43	Singbhoom, 14th Feb. 1874.	Nil	Fine weather during the week, but since the last two days there have been indications of more rain. Nothing on the ground save a little rahur and mussoorie (pulses) and gram; these looking well. Cattle disease reported from several parts of the district. Public health good.
44	Manbhoom, 21st „ „	Nil	Clouds gathering again. Weather growing steadily warmer day by day. Crops still on the ground (wheat, barley and gram) are doing well. Of mohwa, most important crop, a good yield is expected.
	ASSAM AND ADJACENT HILLS.		
45	Goalparah ...	.....	Return not received.
46	Kamroop ...	.....	Return not received.
47	Durrung, 14th „ „	0·73	Unsettled temperature and direction of wind very changeable; large amount of clouds going south-west to north-east. Spring crops are being sown in many parts of the district and preparations for sowing are going on in the other parts. The mustard crop turns out well. Much sickness among the cattle reported from extreme east of the district.
48	Nowgong ...	.....	Return not received.
49	Seebsaugor, 14th „ „	0·47	Weather cloudy for the most part of the week. The last two evenings were tolerably warm. There was a little rain on the 8th February. No change since last report.
50	Luckimpore, 14th „ „	0·83	The weather is getting perceptibly hotter; days generally cloudy; rain on two days, and on the night of the 12th February a heavy squall of wind. The mustard crop is a good one on the churs, and middling on the main land. Preparation of land for the aus or early rice crop has been commenced. Public health good.
51	Naga Hills ..	.....	Return not received.
52	Khasi & Jynteah Hills	.....	Return not received.
53	Garo Hills ...	.....	Return not received.

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Rainfall, Weather and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 28th February 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division. 1	Burdwan, 3rd* Mar. 1874	·6	The weather has been warmer all over the district. Rainfall at Raneegunge ·03 The prospects of the cold weather crops are good; sugarcane is being reaped Price of rice a little cheaper. Fever as before.
2	Bancoorah, 28th Feb. „	0·13	Warm. Evenings cloudy and threatening. Some boro rice has been sown in the north. The cold weather crops coming to maturity—average from four to eight annas of a fair crop. Some small-pox still prevails. No distress reported yet.
3	Beerbhoom, 28th „ „	·21	Seasonable, clear, and growing hot. No change to notice. The cutting and pressing of the sugarcane has commenced. Exportation by rail for the week ending 21st February, 8,850 maunds against 6,349 of the preceding week, chiefly to the Patna and Bhaugulpore Divisions. Prices show a downward tendency.
4	Midnapore, 28th „ „	0 05	Close and hot in the first part of the week; a thunderstorm on Thursday evening, since cool and dry. There has been no change, since last week. The thunderstorm was slight and did no injury to the mango blossoms.
5	Hooghly, 28th „ „	Nil	Clear; wind from north-east and south; no indication of rain; getting warm. Potato crop is gathered. Sugarcane almost cut, a fair outturn. Lands are being prepared for next year's crop.
	Howrah, 28th „ „	Nil	Settled fair. No alteration since last report. All crops doing very well indeed.
	Central Districts.		
Presidency Division. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 2nd† Mar. 1874.	0·06	Weather getting hotter; cloudy on the 26th and 27th February, with slight rain in parts of the district. A few vegetable crops only on the ground. Ploughing for early rice sowing going on extensively. Fever has disappeared from Barrackpore and abated in Barrackpore and Dum-Dum. A few cases of cholera reported from thannas Bankipore, Baduria, and Protapnagore. Two cases of small-pox from Nowabgunge, and one from Satkhira.
7	Nuddea, 28th Feb. 1874	0 03	Fine. Cool at night, but hot in the day; a slight shower of rain in Krishnaghur on Friday evening. The cold weather crops now in the ground promise well, and on the area on which they exist are not much if at all below average. Prices have a tendency to rise. In the north-west of the district between 3,000 and 4,000 labourers are employed on road and other works, but as yet it appears to be unnecessary to administer gratuitous relief. Excepting cholera in a few places, the general health of the district is good.
8	Jessore, 28th „ „	Nil	Clear, but occasionally cloudy with south wind. Boro rice, teel (oil-seed), indigo millet, oats, and peas doing well. Cultivation for the early rice in a forward state. Prices are much the same as last week. Date-juice is still being gathered. The supply of goor (date sugar) at Kotechandpore appears to have been abundant, but the price paid has been low.
Rajshahye Division. 9	Moorshedabad, 28th „ „	Nil	There was a drizzle at Rampore Hât and Jungipore on the 22nd February. The heat increases daily; nights pretty cool recently. There is nothing new this week respecting the state of the crops; they are approaching maturity, and some, as peas, lentils, and khesaree (pulse) are being gathered. Boro paddy looks well. Prices have not varied much except at Lallbaugh where they have fallen. Small-pox is decreasing.
10	Dinagepore, 28th „ „	Nil	West wind, rather warm, commenced blowing at beginning of week, but has stopped since the 27th February. No rain. Boro rice is getting on well. Preparations for sowing the bhadoi or early rice are actively going on, and in a few places it has been actually sown.
11	Maldah, 28th „ „	0·03	The first two days of the week cloudy, the rest fair with strong westerly winds. Weather threatening on the 23rd February with slight rain. The state of the cold weather crops continues favorable. Prices are generally stationary, but in some places in the interior have fallen.
12	Rajshahye, 28th „ „	Nil	Clear and hot. No rain excepting a few drops in stations Singra, Bagmara, and Nattore. The cold weather crops continue to improve. Paddy is being sown in Pootea. Prices are stationary except in Singra, where the prices of paddy and rice have fallen slightly.

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BENGAL.—(*Continued.*)			
Eastern Districts.—(Continued.)			
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 22	Chittagong, Mar. 30 '80	0·45	Weather—seasonable. Cold-weather and spring crops being gathered with good outturn. Lands being prepared for *pania aus*. Sporadic cases of cholera in Satkania and Moiscal. Cattle disease in Cox's Bazar and Patia. Common rice about 19 seers per rupee.
23	Noakholly, „ 25 „	0·38	Squalls, with occasional heavy rain from south all the week. Damage to buildings reported from various parts of district. State and prospects of crops very good. Ploughing active.
24	Chittagong Hill Tracts, „ 23 „	0·32	Weather—cloudy, with occasional sunshine. Some rain on 21st and 22nd. *Jum* cutting nearly over. Rain done some good to winter crops. Public health good.
	Hill Tipperah, „ 24 „	10·52	Weather—cloudy and occasionally stormy. Prospects of *boro* and chillies fair. Tobacco being gathered. Public health good. A considerably heavy storm occurred on 17th.
BEHAR.			
PATNA DIVN. 25	Patna, Mar. 27 „	Nil	East wind and cloudy weather. Harvesting of *rubbee* crops going on well.
26	Gya, „ 27 '80	Nil	Weather—hot. Maximum reading in shade 104°. Prospects of *rubbee* continue favorable. Public health generally good.
27	Shahabad, „ 28 „	Nil	Weather—hot, with east wind. Sugarcane cultivation progressing. Mango crop promises well. *Rubbee* being harvested. General health good.
28	Durbhunga, „ 27 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable, with strong east wind. *Rubbee* crops being harvested. Mango crop at present promising. Prices falling. Public health good.
29	Mozufferpore, „ 27 „	Nil	Weather—fine and warm. Prospect of *rubbee* crops excellent. Harvesting progressing briskly; outturn satisfactory Public health good.
30	Sarun, „ 27 „	Nil	Weather—bright, clear, and warm. Both east and west wind. *Rubbee* being harvested; an excellent outturn obtained where threshed. Condition of district generally satisfactory.
31	Chumparun, „ 27 „	Nil	Weather - bright and warm. East wind prevalent. State and prospects of crops very good.
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 32	Monghyr, Mar. 27 '80	Nil	Weather—getting much warmer. East wind still continues. Prospects continue good. Harvesting of *rubbee* commenced generally.
33	Bhagulpore, „ 29 „	Nil	Strong easterly wind and clouds. *Rubbee* harvest in progress; outturn promising well
34	Purneah, „ 27 „	Nil	Easterly wind still continues, but with less force and consequently greater heat of temperature. State and prospects of crops good. Ploughing for early rice still going on.
35	Maldah, „ 27 „	Nil	Weather—somewhat cool during last week. Little rain that fell last week did much harm to mango crop. Wheat and barley also suffered to some degree. Health continues good.
36	Sonthal Perghs, „ 27 „ Jamtara	Nil 0·40	Weather—hot and damp. Crops all good.
ORISSA.			
ORISSA DIVN. 37	Cuttack, ...	.....	Report not received.
38	Pooree, Mar. 25 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable. Ploughing going on. *Dalua* progressing well. Cold-weather crops being gathered. Prices stationary. Small-pox not yet disappeared.
39	Balasore, „ 26 „	Nil	Weather—very hot. Rain much wanted. Small-pox prevalent in north. Cases of sporadic cholera still reported.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
South-West Frontier Agency.			
40	Hazareebagh, Mar. 26 '80	Nil	Hot wind has set in. Nights still cool. *Rubbee* crops nearly all harvested. Cholera appeared towards Gawan.
41	Lohardugga, „ 27 „	Nil	Weather—hotter than usual at this season. *Rubbee* harvest continues. Prospects of *mohwa* crop excellent. Small-pox still prevalent.
42	Singbhoom, „ 26 „	Nil	Weather—hot. Seasonable. *Mohwa* fair. Mango a complete failure. Cases of cholera in Dhalbhoom.
43	Manbhoom, „ 27 „	Nil	Weather—dry and hot Morning foggy on 25th. *Rubbee* crops doing well. In some places wheat, barley, and sugarcane being gathered Prospects of cotton good. *Mohwa* flowers falling. Public health good. A few cases of cholera in Sudder thana, but the disease has since disappeared.

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BEHAR.				
Patna Division.	28	Patna, 2nd* March 1874.	Nil	No rain, weather clear and bright. Prospects of the cold weather crops continue to be favorable. Rahur, kesai, and masoor (pulses), and rai (oil-seed) are being harvested. Health of the district good except a few cases of small-pox in the Sudder sub-division.
	29	Gya, 28th Feb. „	0·01	Seasonable. A very slight rain on the 23rd February at the Sudder station. The prospects of the cold weather crops continue good. The poppy is excellent. The masoor (pulse), mustard, and peas are being harvested. The prices have fallen slightly. Health of the district good.
	30	Shahabad, 28th „ „	Nil	Clear with moderate west wind, days hot, mornings and evenings cool. The weather has been very favorable for bringing the remaining cold weather crops to maturity. The greater part of the peas and sugarcane has now been gathered, while isolated patches of the other crops are also being harvested.
	31	Tirhoot, 28th „ „	Nil	Weather getting warmer. In the Durbhangah sub-division there is no change since last report. The prospect of the cold weather crop cannot now be improved, with the exception of ruhur (pulse) and mustard; no reliance ought to be placed on it. In the Tajpore sub division there is no great alteration in the crops on the ground except that perhaps the rain of the 23rd February will swell the grain. Everything promises well on the Dearahs. The rain has been beneficial to moong (pulse) and kowni (millet); freshening what has sprouted and making what had been sown on the chance of rain, without sufficient moisture, germinate. Tobacco is being cut. In the Madhoobani sub-division some "bût," very little cheena (millet), and moong (pulse) has been sown. The mustard crop is ripe and the ruhur (pulse) as well on; the other crops are mostly very poor, and even if they are all reaped, will not give more than one-anna return. In the Hajeepore sub division there is no alteration since last report. The prospects of the Sudder sub-division continue much the same as last week. In the Seetamarhee sub-division a shower of rain fell on the 21st February. Cheena (millet), moong and ruhur (pulses) and mustard reported to be doing well.
	32	Sarun, 28th „ „	Nil	Weather fair and seasonable, west wind prevailing. The weather during the past fortnight has been all that could be desired for the crops. The fine weather following the rain has done the crops an immense amount of good. The crops are now ripening fast, and if the weather continues favorable, the outturn of the crops will on the whole be very fair, averaging probably eight annas all round. Peas, mustard, gram, and mussoor (pulse) are still being harvested; wheat, barley, and ruhur (pulse) doing well, and are fast ripening; poppy heads are being tapped. People are briskly engaged in sowing the spring crops, such as cheena (millet), moong (pulse), kakree and melons. Sugarcane is being planted for the next year's crop. Indigo sowings going on. Mango in blossom and promises a fair harvest if nothing unforeseen occurs to injure the blossoms. New ruhur, moosoor, and khesaree (pulses) are coming into the market. Prices on the whole have fallen.
	33	Chumparun, 28th „ „	Nil	West winds. The prospects of the cold weather crops continue good. Peas, mussoor and kesai (pulses) are being harvested; a four-anna crop is expected. The poppy in the southern part of the Bettiah sub-division and north and north-east of the Sudder division is very promising. Cheena (millet) is very largely sown, and should rain fall again much assistance from this crop may be expected.
Bhaugulpore Divn.	34	Monghyr, 21st „ „	0·02	Set fair. The prospects of the cold weather crops continue favorable.
	35	Bhaugulpore, 3rd* March 1874.	Nil	Weather reported favorable from all parties. Slight rain at Banka during the week, which proved beneficial to crops. Cold weather crops generally doing well. Health good.
	36	Purneah, 21st Feb. 1874	0·02	Cold at night and in the mornings; high west wind by day. The prospects of the cold weather crops continue good; the rain which threatened to fall in the early part of the week passed off and did no harm. The mustard crop is nearly all cut; ploughing for bhadoi (early) sowing going on.
	37	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 28th Feb. 1874.	·02	Cloudy the early part of the week, towards the end of the week dry and fair. No change in the state of the crops since last report. In Rajmehal wheat and barley is in ear, and in some places in the Dearahs promises well.
ORISSA.				
Orissa Division.	38	Cuttack, 3rd† Mar. 1874	Nil	Weather warm. Prospects of dalua rice good, cold weather crops yielding a good outturn. Prices stationary. Public health good.
	39	Pooree, 21st Feb. „	Nil	Fair and warm. Birhi and koolthi pulses have been completely gathered with a good outturn. White moong pulse is flowering. The sowings of the dalua rice crop have been very nearly completed and are growing up well. The mango crop is in the earliest stage of growth. The ploughing operations for the ensuing cultivation of crops are in progress. Purchases of rice for export continue on a slightly increased scale, and prices are generally almost stationary in the mofussil. Public health generally good.
	40	Balasore, 28th „ „	Nil	Weather changeable. Crops satisfactory. Price of rice unaltered. Small-pox and cholera breaking out in different parts of the district.

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BENGAL.—(*Continued.*)						
	***Eastern Districts*.—(Continued.)**					
Chittagong Divn. 22	Chittagong,	Apl.	6	'80	Nil	Weather—warm and close. Cold weather and spring crops being gathered. Cholera continues in Satkania, Ramoo, and Moiscal Cattle disease in Hathazaree, Sitakund, and Cox's Bazar. Common rice about 19 seers per rupee.
23	Noakholly,	„	1	„	0·56	Weather—unsettled and cloudy. Heavy rain with thunder in various places on 27th and 30th, besides occasional showers. Damage reported from high wind. Ploughing active. Linseed nearly all gathered. *Moong kalai* coming up luxuriantly.
24	Chittagong Hill Tracts,	Mar.	30	„	1·42	Weather—cloudy and sunny alternately. A heavy shower of rain on 27th. Júm cutting nearly over; chilli and tobacco doing well.
	Hill Tipperah,	„	31	„	1·08	Weather—hot and cloudy. Tobacco and chillies being gathered. Prospects of *boro* fair. Public health good.
BEHAR.						
Patna Divn. 25	Patna,	Apl.	3	„	Nil	Weather—hot. *Rubbee* being harvested; outturn promising well.
26	Gya,	„	3	'80	Nil	Weather—hot. Maximum reading in shade 103 5°. Gram, wheat, &c., being cut. Prospects of *rubbee* fair. Public health generally good.
27	Shahabad,	„	3	„	Nil	Weather—getting hot Harvesting of *rubbee* crops continues; outturn satisfactory. Prices stationary. Public health good.
28	Durbhunga,	„	3	„	0·8	Weather—hot, with east wind. Harvesting of *rubbee* crops in progress. Mango crop and indigo promising well. Prices falling. Public health good.
29	Mozufferpore,	„	3	„	Nil	Weather—warm, with east wind Cutting of *rubbee* crops still continues; outturn very good.
30	Sarun,	„	3	„	Nil	Weather—bright, clear, and warm. East wind prevailing. *Rubbee* crops harvested, but threshing impeded by prevalence of east wind. Local hailstorm in north-west; damage done inconsiderable. Indigo prospects excellent.
31	Chumparun,	Apl.	3	„	0·17	Weather—cloudy, east wind. Very good *rubbee* harvest. Good poppy crop.
Bhagulpore Divn. 32	Monghyr,	Apl	3	'80	0·29	High east wind, with occasional storms. Hailstorm in Sudder sub-division on 28th. Prospects continue good No great damage reported by hailstorm, which was partial
33	Bhagulpore,	„	3	„	2·35	Weather—stormy. *Rubbee* crop being harvested; outturn good. Small-pox increasing.
34	Purneah,	„	3	„	0·26	Weather—seasonable; occasional storms. State and prospects of crops good.
	Kissengunge			...	1·35	
	Arrareah			...	0 60	
35	Maldah,	„	3	„	1·64	Weather—cloudy and threatening. A severe storm, a north-wester, with heavy rain swept over district between 6 and 7 P.M. on 28th March. This cooled weather, which has been getting brighter and hotter since. Storm of 28th did much damage to houses and standing crops. Mango crop has suffered greatly. *Boro* paddy doing well. Ploughing going on actively for *bhadoi* paddy. Prices of all kinds of grain fallen slightly. Public health continues good.
36	Sonthal Perghs,	„	3	„	Nil	Weather—moist and hot; occasional showers. Nearly all crops above average.
	Jamtara			...	0 06	
	Rajmehal			...	0·05	
ORISSA.						
Orissa Divn. 37	Cuttack,	Apl.	3	„	Nil	Weather—hot for the season. Rain much wanted for *dalua* crop and for ploughing. Small-pox decreasing. Common rice 18⅓ to 21 seers per rupee.
38	Pooree,	„	1	„	Nil	Weather—getting warm with strong wind. Land being ploughed for *sarad* crop *Dalua* ripening. Rain wanted in *dalua* fields. Small-pox not yet disappeared. Common rice 18 to 21 seers per rupee.
39	Balasore,	„	2	„	0·67	Weather—seasonable. Good rain at head-quarters. Cases of sporadic cholera still in south; otherwise public health good.
CHOTA NAGPORE.						
	South-West Frontier Agency.					
40	Hazareebagh,	Apl.	2	'80	Nil	Weather—cloudy off and on, and cooler than previous week. *Rubbee* crops harvested with good outturn. No fresh report of cholera, which appears to have been only sporadic.
41	Lohardugga,	„	3	„	Nil	Weather—seasonable Wind changeable. *Rubbee* harvest good. *Mohwa* crop excellent. Small-pox still prevalent.
42	Singbhoom,	„	2	„	0·58	Weather—unsettled and much cooler. Rain and thunderstorms on 28th and 29th March. Ploughing in full progress all over district. *Mohwa* has yielded well. Mango has failed.
43	Manbhoom,	„	3	„	1·15	A storm of wind and rain on 28th, since which weather fair, with easterly wind *Mohwa* flower, which was falling fast, said to have been damaged by storm. Ploughing continues. Public health generally good.

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Rainfall, Weather and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 7th March 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 10th* March 1874.	·36	Showers of rain have fallen at Raneegunge and Culna, but not in the other sub-divisions. Weather much warmer. Cold weather crops are being cut. The yield of potatoes has been very large. Grain is being imported from the Sunderbuns, Cuttack, Midnapore, and Bancoorah, and exported by rail. Fever as before.
2	Bancoorah, 7th Mar. 1874	Nil	Bright and sultry. No change since last report; *e.g.*, some boro rice has been sown in the north. The cold weather crops coming to maturity; average from four to eight annas of a fair crop. Small-pox still prevalent.
3	Beerbhoom, 7th „ „	Nil	Cloudy and uncertain. No change in the state and prospects of the crops since last report. Exportation by rail during the week ending 28th February, 4,238 maunds, chiefly to the Bhaugulpore Division. Prices falling. About 2,500 persons on relief works. A fall of ·87 inches of rain at Soory on the night of the 8th March since reported.
4	Midnapore, 7th „ „	0·05	Cloudy, with occasional petty showers. High wind on Friday. The cloudy weather is somewhat detrimental, especially to the mulberry, which is a splendid crop in the east of the district, but needs either rain or sunshine.
5	Hooghly, 7th „ „	Nil	Cloudy and stormy; wind chiefly from south and south-west. Only boro paddy, jola paddy, and onions and teel (oil-seed) on the ground; all doing fairly. Land is being ploughed for future crops.
	Howrah, 7th „ „	...	Cloudy towards the end of the week. No change of any sort. Crops continue to be very favorable.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 10th Mar. 1874.	1·06	Days hot, nights cool. The sky has been cloudy since Thursday, and heavy but partial showers felt on Saturday night and Sunday morning. A few vegetable crops only on the ground. Preparation of land for the spring sowings is being made on a large scale. A few cases of cholera reported from Thannahs Bankipore and Canning.
7	Nuddea, 7th Mar. 1874	0·14	The hot weather appears to be giving signs of its approach; the weather is favorable for all crops now in the ground. Indigo is doing well. The price of coarse rice still ranges from Rs. 2-8 to 3-2 per maund. Excepting a few villages attacked by cholera, the health of the district is good.
8	Jessore, 7th „ „	·01	Clear and fine, with occasional mist in the morning and a few minutes' drizzlin grain on the 5th March; wind south-westerly. The accounts from all parts of the district are favorable; the teel (oil-seed) crop in Magoorah and Narrail is particularly good, and in Narrail it is said that the area under cultivation appears to be twice or thrice that of previous years. The accounts of the boro rice are everywhere good. Millet in Magoorah is said to be doing particularly well. Date-juice is still being collected, but the weather is getting hot, and the produce is small, and the season is nearly over. Indigo sowing waits rain, but in Jhenidah about half the seed has been put down. Prices continue much the same except in the two southern sub-divisions, where there has been a marked fall, which is said to be due to a temporary lull in the exportation to Calcutta.
RAJSHAHYE DIVISION. 9	Moorshedabad, 7th „ „	Nil	Very warm in the daytime during the week; cloudy on the night of the 6th March. Rain probably fell in some parts, but no information has yet been received. The state of the crops has undergone no change. The outturn may be expected to be good generally. Prices are lower than last week; wheat has fallen three seers in the rupee, and common rice is half seer and three-fourth seer cheaper at Lallbaugh and Rampore Haut, respectively. Small-pox continues in the district. Some cases of cholera has also occurred.
10	Dinagepore, 7th „ „	Nil	No rain, but close cloudy weather; wind shifting from east to west. The mustard and rape crop now all gathered has been quite up to average. Sugarcane also has been good; what there is of gram promises well; barley in many places looks well. The boro rice has improved now that the weather is warmer.
11	Maldah, 7th „ „	Nil	Fair, occasionally cloudy; weather getting warmer; wind westerly. The weather has been close and cloudy for several days and looks like rain. The cold weather crops continue to do well, and boro paddy is also progressing. Health of the district generally good. Prices stationary. Rainfall of about 1·21 inches on the night of the 7th March at the sudder station since reported.

* Telegram of the 10th March, received on the same day, shows rainfall during the seven days immediately preceding.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
RAJSHAHYE DIVN.—(*Contd.*) 12	Rajshahye, 7th Mar. 1874	Nil	Cloudy on several days, but there has been no rain throughout the district during the past week. The cold weather crops continue to improve, and in some places wheat and barley are fast getting ripe. Peas and khesaree (pulse) are being cut, also urhur (pulse) in some places. The prices are almost stationary, though there is a general tendency to a fall in prices both of paddy and rice. A few cases of cholera have been reported from Bagmara and Manda stations. Ten cases of small-pox reported from Singrah station.
13	Rungpore, 7th March 1874.	Nil	Weather fine; very slight showers in the south of the district. All the crops on the ground look well; wheat is especially good. Aus or early rice has been sown very extensively, and is now sprouting and looking well.
14	Bograh, 7th Mar 1874.	Nil	Fine and becoming hotter. The cutting of the mustard and sugarcane continues; both crops will give a good yield. Favorable reports of peas and other cold weather crops are received.
15	Pubna, 7th „ „	Nil	Weather rather warm. From the night of the 5th to the 6th March the sky was cloudy, and the wind blew strongly on the 6th from the west. No rain fell during the week. The prospects of the winter crops still in the fields continue to be tolerably fair. The cheena (millet) crops look well. Mango trees in blossom. The jally paddy is being planted; the transplantation of boro paddy finished. Both these rice crops are thriving well. The indigo crop is very promising this year. The prices of common rice and mashkalai (pulse) are fluctuating with downward tendency. No actual distress is as yet apparent.
COOCH BEHAR DIVN. 16	Darjeeling, 7th „ „	0·24	Bright during the first part of the week, latterly cloudy and rainy. No crops on the ground. Lands are now being cleared and cultivated. Prices are the same as last week. No apparent distress.
17	Julpigoree, 7th „ „	Nil	Very seasonable; weather gradually getting warmer; heavy morning dews. Great activity is displayed in preparing land for the bhadoi dhan (early rice). In Boda twice the usual amount being brought under cultivation. Fear is however expressed in Boda that seed paddy will be wanting to sow all the land prepared The Deputy Commissioner has applied to be allowed to purchase seed paddy at once and send to Boda. Tobacco, wheat, barley, and all coming crops promise particularly well; and vegetables are more than usually abundant. Rainfall ·85, which is bad for tobacco and kalie (pulse) since reported.
	Cooch Behar, 7th „ „	Nil	Fine weather. Tobacco is a fine crop on the whole; cutting it has commenced. Wheat is good and nearly ripe. Pulses very good, millets promise well. Extensive aus or early rice sowings are still going on. Two thousand laborers on relief works in the extreme south of the State.
	Eastern Districts.		
DACCA DIVISION. 18	Dacca, 10th* Mar. 1874	0·57	Weather cool, with thunder-storms and sunshine. Prospects of crops good. Cholera reported at Manickgunge.
19	Furreedpore, 7th „ „	Nil	Weather throughout the week clear and sunny excepting on Thursday and Saturday, when it was cloudy and rain threatened. Winds variable, but during the last two days blowing from the south-west. The state of the spring crop much the same as last week. Pulses, with the exception of gram, have been reaped almost everywhere, and wheat and barley are in some places coming into ears. Price of coarse rice has fallen at all marts,—Furreedpore, Bhanga, Gopalgunge, and Madareepore,—excepting at Goalundo, where it is stationary. The fall is owing to the absence of export purchasers. Salt has risen slightly at Furreedpore owing to a temporary suspension in imports by dealers, whose usual supplies have not yet arrived.
20	Backergunge, 28th Feb. 1874.	Nil	Warm weather. State and prospects of crops fair. Lands are being ploughed for the aus or early rice crop. In Mendigunj Thanuah the rain and hailstone have done some damage.
21	Mymensing, 7th March 1874.	Nil	The sky has generally been cloudy, and shows indications of coming rain. The mornings are still foggy. The temperature is low for the time of year. There is no change from last week in the prospects of the crops. The spring rice and millet both promise well. The price of food has risen during the week owing to exportations. The district is generally healthy.
22	Sylhet, 28th Feb. 1874	0·35	Cloudy and hot. The cultivation of the aus or early rice is going on. Price of rice is rising every day. In the Sudder Station, table rice is sold at 14 seers and common rice at 17½ seers per rupee. About 7,000 maunds of rice and 10,000 maunds of paddy have been exported to Calcutta and other places. No fresh information about cholera. Small-pox prevails in the interior of the district as well as in the Sudder Station. Heavy rain with storm on the nights of the 7th and 8th March (1·20) since telegraphed.
23	Cachar	.....	Return not received.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Eastern Districts.—(Contd.)		
Chittagong Div. 24	Chittagong, 28th Feb. 1874.	Nil	Rain reported from the Seetacoond seaboard, but none fell at head-quarters, though the weather looked threatening on one or two days. At Cox's Bazar the weather reported fine and seasonable. It is getting perceptibly warmer. Some damage to pulses from rain reported from Meerkuserai. In other parts of the district the cold weather crops promise well. Cholera prevalent in town, station, and Raojan.
25	Noakhally 28th Feb. 1874	0·5	First half of the week cloudy, second half fair. The khesary, moong and kalai (pulses) and chilly and linseed crops are reported to have been somewhat damaged by the recent rains, except Sundeep, where they are said to be doing well. The rains have also made it more difficult for the cultivators to open the ground for the early rice crop.
26	Tipperah, 28th „ „	·26	Hot and moist. One heavy shower of rain. The weather is more like that usual during the rainy season. The boro rice crop promises a good outturn. Sugarcane and cold weather crops generally promise to be good.
27	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 28th Feb. 1874.	...	Cool at night, sometimes foggy in the morning. The mustard crop has been harvested. The hill men are still engaged in joom-cutting.
	Hill Tipperah, 28th Feb. 1874.	0·35	Mornings foggy and cold, fine and warm in the day; some rain on Thursday night, with strong wind from north-west. What crops there are on the ground have been benefited by the rain which fell during the present and past weeks. The lands are everywhere being prepared for the next crop.
BEHAR.			
Patna Division. 28	Patna, 9th* March 1874.	·02	During the early part of the week the weather was all that could be desired, but on Saturday, the 7th March, there was rain mixed with hail, and the weather still looks threatening. The cold weather crops of every description are now being cut, and are yielding much better than was expected. The health of the district is generally good, but a few cases of small-pox are reported from the city.
29	Gya, 7th „ „	0·07	Weather unsettled. The harvest of the cold weather crops has commenced; the crops everywhere are reported good. The quality will not however make up for the quantity unsown. Health of the district good.
30	Shahabad, 7th March 1874.	Nil	Weather unsettled; threatening during the latter part of the week; cloudy on the 7th March. No change for the worse in the prospects of the cold weather crops. Peas, mussoor (pulse), wheat and gram are being harvested.
31	Tirhoot, 7th Mar. 1874	Nil	Dry, getting warm. In the Hajeepore sub-division there is no alteration in the state of the spring crops. The thunder and slight rain which fell on the 5th March cannot affect any thing except the mango, and even them not much, as it was too light. In the Mudhubani sub-division crops are much the same as last week; some moong and cheena has been sown, but except in the few places where it is watered, it will not come to any thing. In the Seetamarhee sub-division there was a slight fall of rain on the morning of the 5th March, which lasted for half an hour, but it was not sufficient to benefit the cheena. There was a little hail and rain at Bangawn, but not sufficient to do harm or good. There is no material alteration in the prospect of crop. There is a change for the worse perceptible among the pauper class of people, and some cultivators have become "kunka" or famine-stricken. The sub-divisional officer has himself noticed this in Mahind to the north; in Jallah, Charaut and Mussa, near Kumtoul to the east. He states that he has heard it stated on good authority, and his own impression is that some of the poor classes are showing symptoms of sinking. The sub-divisional officer believes there would have been thousand of deaths to report had not Government relief measures been so early taken, and happily no deaths from actual starvation were reported during the week. The prospect of crops in the sudder and the rest of the sub-divisions continue to remain unaltered.
32	Saran, 7th „ „	A few drops on the 5th March.	Weather cloudy and growing hot; west wind prevailing. The prospects of the cold weather crops continue good. Wheat, barley and rahur (pulse) are fast approaching maturity; peas, mustard, gram and mussoor (pulse) are still being harvested. People are busy in sowing the spring crops. Indigo seed is being put in the ground; the early sowings have germinated. Poppy-heads are being tapped. Mango still doing well. New peas and other pulses are coming into the markets. Prices steady.
33	Champaran, 7th „ „	0·5	East and west winds; weather much warmer and hitherto very favorable. A slight sprinkling of rain fell on the night of the 6th March, but unless it was heavier in the rest of the district, could not have been of very much benefit. The prospects of the cold weather crops continue good. There is no material change since last Saturday.

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		BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)		
Bhaugulpore Div.	34	Monghyr, 7th Mar. 1874	Nil	Weather fair. The prospects of the crops continue fair ; the harvest is now becoming general.
	35	Bhaugulpore, 10th* Mar. 1874.	0·05	Weather favorable. Cold weather crops very good. Health of the district good.
	36	Purneah, 7th „ „	Nil	Seasonable; much warmer than last week ; the prospects of the cold weather crops throughout the district are good; lands are being prepared for the bhadoi (early) sowings. Jamira (the earliest bhadoi crop) is being sown. Price is a little cheaper.
	37	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 7th Mar. 1874.	A few drops.	Early part of the week dry; on Friday it commenced to threaten rain, and ·71 fell after the close of the period embraced by this report. No change in the prospects of crops; wheat, barley and cheena (millet) are ripening in Rajmehal. In Deeah sugarcane-planting and ploughing going on everywhere. A further fall of ·93 rain since reported.
		ORISSA.		
Orissa Division.	38	Cuttack, 10th Mar. 1874*	...	Light showers on Saturday midnight (7th March). Weather warm. Prospects of crops good. Public health good.
	39	Pooree, 28th Feb. „	Nil	Fine and warm, and beginning to be hot. Moong (pulse) is coming on well. The sowings of the dalua rice crop have been completed, and are growing up well. The mango crop is still in the earliest stage of growth, and is not abundant, although it is said that in Khoordah there will be a good crop. Ploughing operations for the ensuing cultivation of crops are going on. Purchases of rice for export continue, and prices are generally almost stationary in the mofussil. Public health is on the whole fair. Small-pox is reported to be prevalent in the Khoordah sub-district. Pilgrims for the *Dolejatra* are coming on, but not in very large numbers.
	40	Balasore, 7th „ „	·1	Weather dark and threatening. Frequent storms pass without much rain. Ploughing for the early rice crop is in progress; numerous sporadic cases of cholera have occurred.
		CHOTA NAGPORE.		
		South-West Frontier Agency.		
	41	Hazareebaugh, 28th Feb. 1874.	0·22	The weather has been stormy at the beginning of the week ; there was much and general rain. Strong west wind has set in, but it is still cool. The cold weather crop is fair on the limited area cultivated. Lands are nearly all ploughed for the next sowings. The mohowa and mango crops have been very slightly affected disadvantageously by the rain, but no damage has occurred that will not be righted by fine weather. Prices, if anything a trifle, more easy at head-quarters, but higher in the direction of Gya.
	42	Lohardugga, 7th March 1874	0·8	Fine in the early part of the week, but a heavy storm broke on Thursday night, the 5th March, which continued all day of the 6th, and fine again on the morning of the 7th idem; the storm will, it is feared, have ruined the mohowa crop. The mango crop has also suffered. The reports from Palamow are still good, both as regards the cold weather and mohowa crops ; but if the late storm extended to Palamow, the damage done will be great.
	43	Singbhoom, 28th Feb. 1874.	0·04	Slight rain at head-quarters on the 26th February. Days cooler in consequence. Rahur (pulse) has mostly been cut. The khesary and masoori (pulses) and gram doing well. A few cases of chicken-pox reported in the civil station and of measles in Dhulbhoom. No deaths from them.
	44	Manbhoom, 7th March 1874.	·11	Fair during the early part of the week; very high wind, with a little rain during the last three days. Reports have not yet been received as to the extent of the damage done to the mohowa and barley crops by this late unseasonable weather. Prices are rising, but very slowly; this is owing to local rates being too high to admit of further profitable exportation. Reports of actual distress received from different parts of the district, chiefly Govindpore sub-division. The sufferers have been provided for on the relief works. A few cases of cholera and small-pox reported.

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Rainfall, Weather and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 14th March 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 16th* March 1874.	1·45	Showers have fallen in Bood-bood and Cutwa. At the sudder station ·97 of rain registered on the 16th March. Nearly all the cold weather crops are cut, and outturn is reported to be fair. Common rice is selling at all the large marts at about 13 seers per rupee, but in some villages in the interior of Bood-bood sub-division, only 10 seers are obtainable for a rupee. Fever as before.
2	Bancoorah, 14th „ „	0·22	A smart shower of rain on the 9th March. Dry the rest of the week, but cool in the mornings and evenings. The cold weather crops are being reaped. The outturn is fair; in some parts remarkably good. Small-pox still prevalent.
3	Beerbhoom, 14th „ „	0·95	Warm during the day; cool in early morning. Strong wind during last few days. No considerable change in the state and prospects of the crops since last report. Exportation by rail during week ending 7th March, 3,720 maunds, chiefly to Bhagulpore. Price on the average falling.
4	Midnapore, 14th „ „	0·12	Somewhat unseasonably cool, with occasional storms. The weather is not quite seasonable and is unhealthy, but for the mulberry and indigo, the most important crops on the ground, it seems to be very favorable. The indigo prospects at present are better than they have been for many years.
5	Hooghly, 14th „ „	·18	Clear throughout; a hailstorm, in the southern portion of the district, was hardly felt at the head-quarters. Wind from south and south-east. Boro paddy and jhalla paddy, onion, and teel (oil-seed) on the ground doing well. A quarter of an inch of rainfall on the 16th since telegraphed.
	Howrah, 14th „ „	0·03	A severe hailstorm on Sunday evening; weather cloudy during first part of the week and then fine. There is no change to record. Crops in the ground still doing very well. No injuries done by the hail.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, †17th March 1874.	0·55	Weather cooler than last week owing to the fall of occasional showers and hail-storms. Boro sowings progressing in Busseerhat. Mango blossoms have suffered from hailstorms. Preparation of land continues for the next early rice sowings. Prices have fallen. Thirteen cases of, and four deaths from, small-pox reported from thannah Kalaroa. A few cases of cholera in thannahs Bankipore, Diamond Harbour, Busseerhat, and Kaligunge. It has abated in thannah Canning.
7	Nuddea, 14th „ „	·0·09	Unsettled and stormy at times in the early part of the week, afterwards clear; nights cold. Everything so far continues to be favorable for the crops which are still on the ground. Tobacco however is not likely to recover the harm done by the rain in February. Prices of food-grains show a decided tendency to fall. In the Bongong sub-division the coarsest rice is said to be procurable at Rs. 2-4 per maund, but the usual price elsewhere is from Rs. 2-5 to Rs. 2-12. Excepting cholera here and there, the public health is good.
8	Jessore, 14th „ „	·95	Generally clear and fine; wind generally from the south-west. On the evening of the 10th March there was a storm from the north-west, when rain in the preceding column fell. The prospects of the crops are much the same as they were last week. Prices have continued to fall, and the tendency is still downwards; the causes are probably three,—1st, reduced exportation; 2nd, favorable prospects of the cold-weather crops coming harvest; and 3rd, the approach of the 28th March, or last day of payment of Government revenue; the ryot selling his produce to pay his rent to enable the zemindars to meet his obligation.
RAJSHAHYE DIVISION. 9	Moorshedabad, 14th „ „	0·22	It has been cloudy for the greater part of the week. On the 8th and 9th March there were showers of rain, and on the latter date the rain was followed by a heavy hailstorm traversing the district from north-west to the south-east. Some damage, not of a serious nature, was done to the standing crops of gram and wheat and to mango blossoms by the hail. The rain has enabled the cultivators to renew ploughing operations for the early rice sowings. Prices are on the whole slightly better than last week. Rice has risen at Rampore Hat, Harharpara, and Sujagunge, but there has been a fall in other places. Small-pox is still prevalent.
10	Dinagepore, 14th „ „	·91	Rain throughout the district during the early part of the week; in some places heavier than in the station. The cold weather crops have nearly all been gathered. The boro rice already sown has benefited much by the late rain, which has also enabled the breaking up of land to be pushed on with.
11	Maldah, 14th „ „	1·55	Rain, thunder, lightning, and hailstorm on Saturday and Monday nights. Strong westerly winds throughout. The rain has been most beneficial to the lands under cultivation, and has assisted ploughing to go on on all sides. No injury is reported to the cold weather crops now ripening, and which promise in most places a full average outturn. Wheat and cheena (millet) especially look heavier crops. The boro paddy is also in a promising state. The mango blossom is most abundant, but the late rains are said to have done considerable injury to this crop. Health of the district generally good. Prices stationary.

* Telegram of the 16th March, received on the same day, shows rainfall up to the noon of that day.
† Report of the 17th March, received on the same day, shows rainfall during the seven days immediately preceding.

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BEHAR.						
	25 Patna,	Apl	17	'80	Nil	Weather—warm, with east wind. Harvesting of *rubbee* crops continues.
	26 Gya,	„	17	„	Nil	Weather—excessively hot; maximum reading in shade 108·8°. Outturn of *rubbee* promises to be satisfactory *Cheena* being sown and sugarcane planted. Public health generally good.
Patna Divn.	27 Shahabad,	„	17	„	Nil	Weather—hot. Harvesting of *rubbee* crops nearly completed. Prices falling. Public health good.
	28 Durbhunga,	„	17	„	Nil	Weather—cloudy, with strong east wind *Rubbee* harvest for most part complete. Mango crop and indigo promising. Prices stationary. Public health good
	29 Mozufferpore,	„	17	'80	Nil	Weather—hot, with east and west wind alternately. Harvesting of *rubbee* crops nearly everywhere completed; outturn excellent. Prospect of mango very poor, the blossoms having been greatly injured by continued east wind. Severe cholera in Seetamarhee town.
	30 Sarun,	„	17	„	Nil	Weather—hot west wind with dust storms; east wind since 16th. Threshing of *rabbee* going on; outturn promising well. Indigo prospects good. Condition of district satisfactory, though a few cases of cholera reported.
	31 Chumparun,	„	17	„	Nil	Weather—warm; east wind prevalent. *Rubbee* harvest completed; very good crop. Poppy also good. Cholera prevalent in some places in mofussil.
Bhagulpore Divn.	32 Monghyr,	Apl	17	'80	Nil	Weather—very high east wind; cool for the time of year. Outturn of *rubbee* not yet reported *Mohwa* crop good. Cholera appeared here and there, but not in an epidemic form.
	33 Bhagulpore,	„	17	„	Nil	Weather—hot; seasonable. *Rubbee* harvested; outturn good. Small-pox prevalent.
	34 Purneah,	„	17	„	Nil	Weather—seasonable. Nights cool. Strong easterly wind. Some rain desirable. Fever, small-pox, and cholera on increase
	35 Maldah,	„	17	„	Nil	Weather—bright and hot, but latterly cloudy and threatening. A few drops of rain on evening of 15th. Heat abated since. Sowing of *bhadoi* very forward everywhere. *Boro* promises a good outturn. General health good.
	36 Sonthal Perghs,	„	18	„	Nil	Weather—cloudy, with high wind. No crops on ground. *Mohwa* good.
ORISSA.						
Orissa Divn	37 Cuttack,	„	17	„	0·45	Weather—seasonable Rain much wanted for ploughing. Small-pox decreasing. A few cases of cholera. Rice $18\frac{8}{5}$ to 21 seers per rupee.
	38 Pooree,	„	15	„	Nil	Weather—cloudy and sultry. *Dalua* doing well. Land for *sarud* being ploughed. *Moong* being gathered. Rain wanted in all parts of district. Sporadic cholera. Small-pox not yet completely disappeared. Prices stationary.
	39 Balasore,	„	16	„	Nil	Temperature during early part of week excessively high and oppressive; slightly improved by threatening thunderstorms, but no rain falls. In south *dalua* rice being harvested, but ploughing operations at a stand-still. Rain wanted. Cholera slightly more active during past week.
CHOTA NAGPORE.						
	South-West Frontier Agency.					
	40 Hazareebagh,	Apl.	16	'80	Nil	Days warm. Nights cool. Excellent *mohwa* crop throughout district. Food-grains cheap. A few cases of cholera and small-pox still reported; otherwise general health good.
	41 Lohardugga,	„	17	„	Nil	Weather—seasonable. *Mohwa* still being gathered; crop excellent. Mango failed. Rain wanted for tea and for ploughing operations. Small-pox prevalent.
	42 Singbhoom,	„	16	„	Nil	Weather—seasonable and intensely hot. No crops now on ground, and no agricultural operations in progress. Public health good.
	43 Manbhoom,	„	17	„	Nil	Weather—hot and seasonable. Wind generally west. To-day (17th) cooler, with easterly wind, and rain seems somewhere fallen. *Mohwa* flowers falling; yield good. Public health generally good.

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No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Eastern Districts—(Contd.)		
Dacca Divn. 22	Sylhet, 7th Mar. 1874	Nil	Very cloudy and unsettled during the week. A storm may be expected at any moment. The cultivation of both amun and aus (late and early rice) is going on. The price of rice rising daily on account of large exportations. In the sudder station table rice is selling at 13 seers 2 chittacks, and common rice at 15 seers 12 chittacks per rupee. About 20,000 maunds of rice and 50,000 maunds of paddy have been exported to Calcutta, Nattore, Dacca, Patna, Monghyr, Chupra, Pubna, and Shillong. The health of the district has improved. Since telegraphed that it has rained from the night of the 9th till the morning of the 10th (1·50).
Dacca Divn. 23	Cachar	.....	Return not received.
Chittagong Divn. 24	Chittagong, 7th Mar. 1874.	Nil	Getting warmer. No change since the last report, *e.g.*, some damage to pulses from the late rains reported from Meerkuserai. In other parts of the district the cold weather crops promise well. Cholera still reported from Town, Raojan, Kdomoras, and Potea.
Chittagong Divn. 25	Noakhally, 7th Mar. 1874	0·07	Fair. A thunderstorm, with some rain, on Friday evening. In some places the cold weather crops, Rhesaroe, chillies and linseed are said to have been injured by the late rains; and the wet weather has also interfered with the preparation of the ground for the early rice crop.
Chittagong Divn. 26	Tipperah, 7th „ „	Nil	Warm and sunny. No rain; close and threatening rain on Friday, but none fell. Boro rice in flourishing condition. Cold weather crops promise good outturn. There is no sickness.
Chittagong Divn. 27	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 7th March 1874.	...	Cool at night and very hot during the day. Tobacco is being plucked here and there in small quantities. The hillmen are still engaged in joom-cutting.
Chittagong Divn.	Hill Tipperah, 7th Mar. 1874.	Nil	Warm during the day. Occasionally cloudy; chilly after sundown; foggy in the mornings. There are hardly any crops on the ground now except chillies and onions. No important change to report.
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Patna Division. 28	Patna, 16th „ „	Nil	Though there was no rain at head-quarters, both rain and hail have fallen in different parts of the district varying from 0·025 to 1·07; the hail was very partial, and has not done any harm to speak of. The harvesting of the cold weather crops is going on, and they are yielding well. With the exception of a few cases of small-pox in the city, the health of the district is good.
Patna Division. 29	Gya, 14th „ „	Nil	Mornings and evenings cool. Cold weather crops are being harvested; the outturn not yet ascertained, apparently heavy. Health good.
Patna Division. 30	Shahabad, 14th March 1874.	Nil	Cool, with high west wind. Crops reported favorably on. Barley, wheat and gram being harvested. Sugarcane being planted. Weather, all that could be desired for the crops. Small-pox prevalent.
Patna Division. 31	Tirhoot, 14th Mar. 1874	0·21	Getting warmer; cold nights. In the Seetamurhee sub-division one-tenth inch rain fell on the 9th March. With a little more rain a full cheena (millet) and moong (pulse) crop may be expected. Peas, mustard, and masoor and kerao (pulses) are being reaped. Gram and wheat will be cut after ten days. A few cases of small-pox at Majongunj, Jalleh, and Seetamurhee; otherwise general health good. In the Hajeepore sub-division there is no change in the prospects of the crops. The cold weather crops are expected to be reaped in a fortnight, and the outturn is expected to be 10 to 12 annas. The cold weather crops look very healthy and strong. There is no material change in the prospects of the sudder and the rest of the sub-divisions. In the Madhoobani sub-division the little rain gives a greater promise of the moong (pulses) and cheena (millet).
Patna Division. 32	Sarun, 14th „ „	Nil	Weather clear, dry, and getting warm. West wind prevailing. The crops continue good, and now the harvest is commencing; the prospect of two-thirds of an average crop on the area sown may be considered assured. In 11 villages in the Roghoonathpore outpost, within the jurisdiction of the Durowlee thannah, peas, barley, and ruhur (pulse) from 4 to 8 annas have been injured by hailstorms which fell on the night of the 7th March. People are busy in sowing the spring crops. The early sowings have germinated. New peas and other pulses are coming into the markets. Lands are being ploughed for the next sowings. Prices steady.
Patna Division. 33	Chumparun	.....	Return not received.
Bhaugulpore Divn. 34	Monghyr, 14th March 1874.	0·14	Set fair. The cold weather crop is being cut and will yield 12 annas all round. Cheena (millet) has been exclusively sown and is coming on well. The mohwa and mango crops are promising.
Bhaugulpore Divn. 35	Bhaugulpore, 17th† Mar. 1874.	·03	Slight rain at Banka. A severe hailstorm reported over an area of 33 square miles on extreme north of the district, causing some damage. Prospects of the cold weather crops excellent. Crops ripening fast: reaping commenced in places. General health very good.

* Telegram of the 16th March, received on the 17th, shows rainfall during the seven days including the 16th idem.

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		BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)		
Bhagulpore Divn.	36	Purneah, 14th Mar. 1874	Nil	West wind beginning. A severe hailstorm in Arrareah caused considerable damage in some villages early this week. The prospects of the cold weather crops continue excellent; the reaping of barley has begun, and peas have been cut in many places. The showers early in the week have done much good to the kanni and cheena (millets). Lands are being everywhere prepared for the early rice. Private trade is very busy everywhere, and prices falling in consequence.
	37	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 14th Mar. 1874.	1·01	Cool; in fact, cold the early part of the week. The latter half very hot, with strong west wind. No change in the prospects of the crops since last report.
		ORISSA.		
Orissa Division.	38	Cuttack, 17th* Mar. 1874	·48	Weather cool and pleasant. Dalua rice crop promising well. Public health good.
	39	Pooree, 7th „ „	Nil	Generally fine and warm, and beginning to be hot. Moong (pulse) is growing well and is still green. The dalua rice crop is ripening partly and is doing well. The mango crop is doing better than was expected. Ploughing is going on. Purchases of rice for export continue. Prices generally almost stationary. Public health on the whole fair, except that small-pox is prevalent as usual.
	40	Balasore, 14th „ „	·33	Days hot and dry, nights cool. Ploughing for the early rice crop and cultivation of the exceptional dalua crop are in progress. Both cholera and small-pox are on the increase.
		CHOTA NAGPORE.		
		South-West Frontier Agency.		
	41	Hazareebaugh, 7th Mar. 1874.	0·28	The weather has been cloudy and stormy and often drizzling, but the sun was shining brightly at the time of the report. The cold weather crop has been improved except the grum, which, it is expected, will not seed so freely, but there is very little gram in this district. The rain, it is thought, must have affected the mohwa crop where the trees have not come into flower. Prices are slightly more favorable than last week, though common rice is stationary.
	42	Lohardugga, 14th March 1874.	·56	Unsettled and warm at the beginning of the week, but latterly clear and cold, with strong north-west winds. The cold weather crops are ripening fast, and on the whole promise well, though the area under cultivation is very small; none of these have suffered any material damage up to date. The prospects of the mohwa crop are also very fair; a little damage was caused by the late rain, but there is still every hope of getting a very good crop. Ploughing has been going on briskly throughout the district, and all the lands are now nearly ready.
	43	Singbhoom, 7th Mar. 1874.	0·31	Cloudy during the week, but it rained only on the 5th and 6th March. On the night of the 6th there was much rain. Nothing particular for report. The rain has been sufficient for ploughing operations. Public health good. Cattle disease still reported from some parts of Dhalbhoom.
	44	Manbhoom, 14th March 1874.	·1	Bright and wonderfully cool. Barley is being reaped, with, on the whole, fair results, but the quantity cultivated was not very considerable. The prospects of this district now hinge very much upon the mohwa crop: some damage has been done to the earlier trees by cloudy weather and rain during the last few weeks; but there is still every reason to hope for a full yield. Prices are still firm.

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 14th March 1874.

Rainfall, Weather and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 21st March 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 24th* March 1874.	1·14	Showers of rain have fallen at Boodbood, Culna, and Raneegunge, but not in Jehanabad or Cutwa. Weather getting warm. Condition of crops fair. Distress increasing in Boodbood, in which quarter also fever prevails more than elsewhere.
2	Bancoorah, 21st Mar. 1874	·51	Rain with thunder and lightning on the 16th March; clouds with a slight drizzle on the 17th and 18th idem, the rest of the week dry. Cold weather crops nearly reaped. Wheat and barley remarkably fine. New wheat in the markets. Indigo prospects very good. Small-pox still prevalent. Some cases of cholera reported.
3	Beerbhoom, 21st „ „	·38	Cool for the season and breezy. Sugarcane being cut and pressed; wheat ripening. Export by rail for week ending 14th March 4,608 maunds to Bhagulpore and Patna Divisions. Prices easier.
4	Midnapore, 21st „ „	0·54	Still unusually cool. Some showers of rain. The showers are good for the indigo. Boro rice largely grown in the east of the district, is doing well. Reports from west of the district show importations from Singbhoom into Jungle Mehals. This prosperous state of Singbhoom was not anticipated, and will diminish the danger of scarcity of food in that tract if it continues. Prices still have a tendency to fall.
5	Hooghly, 21st „ „	·60	Cloudy two days, otherwise clear; smart showers of rain on the 16th and 17th March, wind variable. Boro and jalla paddy, onion, and teel (oil-seed) on the ground. The rain is said to have injured the flower of the former. Lands have been moistened by the rain and are being prepared for the early rice.
	Howrah, 21st „ „	0·37	Cool for the time of the year, with cloudy sky. There is no change of any sort to report. The boro rice is still doing very well.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 24th March 1874.	.....	The weather continued cool with occasional small showers of rain during the week. There are no crops on the ground worth mentioning. Preparation of the land for the next early rice crop continues on an extensive scale. Cholera is reported to have broken out in Thannahs Devipore, Barripore, and Nyhutty. It continues in Thannahs Diamond Harbour and Basseerhat, and is abating in Thannahs Bankipore and Mutlah. Small-pox has appeared in Thannah Assasani.
7	Nuddea, 21st Mar. 1874	0·87	Cooler than usual at this season and rather unsettled. In the north of the district the gram has been somewhat injured by hail, but generally the cold weather crops promise fairly considering their extent. Rice has fallen in price in most parts of the district, probably some quantity is forced into the market to enable the ryots to pay their rents. In Nakaseparah the price is rising. The reason may be that plenty of work is now going on, and that the people can better afford to pay while on the other hand the stock is low.
8	Jessore, 21st „ „	·87	Generally clear with occasional thunderstorms and rain. The rain has been generally beneficial, and has been favorable to boro rice, teel (oil-seed), and indigo, and also to the cultivation for early rice. The large fall in prices last week has been maintained, and the tendency seems to be still downwards.
RAJSHAHYE DIVISION. 9	Moorshedabad, 21st „ „	0·01	There have been slight showers in different parts of the district in the course of the week. On the 17th March there was a fall of hail, not so severe as that of the 9th idem. The cold weather crops are being reaped. Wheat and gram promise a very fair outturn. Boro paddy is progressing favorably and has been benefited by the recent showers. Prices have undergone very little change since the last report. Small-pox is still prevalent.
10	Dinagepore, 21st „ „	Nil	Clear weather, with high west wind, a few clouds seem gathering up again as if more rain threatened. Boro rice is doing well, bhadoi (early rice) sowings still continues; the rain reported in the last return seems to have done much good to the bhadoi. Every promise of a good mango crop. Cholera reported at Goraghat; native doctor ordered there.
11	Maldah, 21st „ „	Nil	Cloudy. Duststorm and occasional drizzling. No rain to speak of during the past week. The reaping of the wheat and barley crops has commenced and a full average outturn is expected. Cheena (millet) also promises a fair yield. Boro paddy continues in good condition. Prices rising slightly at sudder station, but stationary at several localities in the interior.
12	Rajshahye, 21st „ „	0·02	There was very slight rain in parts of the district, chiefly to the westward, on the 17th March. Also hail at Tanuor, but not enough to do material damage. Khesaree and massoor (pulses), and linseed, barley, wheat, and gram are being reaped, and the outturn is a fair average one. Prices have not varied since last report.

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Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops in the different District of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 1st May 1880.

	No.	District, and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.				
		Western Districts.		
Burdwan Div.	1	Burdwan, May 1 '80	0·17	Weather—seasonable. Ploughing going on. Still some cases of cholera and small-pox
		Culna ...	2·30	
		Cutwa ...	1·93	
	2	Bankoora, „ 1 „	0·10	Weather—hot, but stormy in evenings and cool at night. Crops doing well. *Boria* cotton, *khosla til* and *boro dhan* ripening. Sugarcane being planted out. Sickness very light.
		Bishenpore ...	0 66	
	3	Beerbhoom, „ 1 „	0·16	Weather—unusually cool for season. Slight rain done good.
	4	Midnapore, „ 1 „	0 07	Weather—hot and cloudy. Rain much wanted for ploughing. Cholera and measles in town and suburbs.
	5	Hooghly, „ 1 „	0·27	Weather—cooler than last week. Lands being prepared for sowing of *aus* and jute. Cases of small-pox in thana Bullagur.
		Howrah „ 3 „	0·18	Weather—cool. Ploughing going on.
		Moheshrakha ..	0·74	
		Central Districts.		
Presidency Div.	6	24-Pergunnahs, May 1 '80	0·01	Weather—seasonable. Ploughing going on for early rice and jute. Sowing of *aus* commenced at Bussirhat. More rain needed. A few cases of small-pox and cholera reported from Baraset, and of cattle disease from Baraset and Satkhira.
	7	Nuddea, „ 1 „	0·88	Weather—warm. Cloudy, with occasional rain. Prospects of *aus* good. Sowings not yet completed.
		Kooshtea ...	2·50	
		Meherpore ...	0·31	
		Chooadanga ...	0·40	
		Ranaghat ...	0·68	
		Bongong ...	0·52	
	8	Jessore, „ 1 „	0·25	Weather—generally stormy and rainy. Hot where there has been no rain. Prospects of crops continue good. A few cases of cholera reported from Sudder and Bagerhaut.
		Jhenidah ...	1·83	
		Magoorah ...	1·68	
		Narail ...	0·20	
	9	Moorshedabad, „ 1 „	0·48	Weather—seasonable. General rain during week. *Amun* and *aus* sowings commenced. Fever and cholera in a few places; otherwise public health good.
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar Divs.	10	Dinagepore, Apl 30 '80	0·64	Weather—cool and stormy, with slight showers. Sowing of autumn rice and jute advanced. Prospect generally good.
	11	Rajshahye May 1 „	1 66	Partial rain with storms. Weather cooler. Sowing of *aus* and *amun* going on. Outturn of *boro dhan* good; other crops doing well. Some cases of cholera.
	12	Rungpore, Apl. 30 „	0·89	A severe storm on night of 28th. Weather cool. State and prospects of crops good. Slight fever prevalent.
		Bagdogra ...	0·03	
		Kurigram ...	0 64	
	13	Bogra, May 1 „	1·11 (Approximately)	Cool, with stormy weather frequently after sunset. Hail on 26th. Weather during week unfavorable for young jute and *til* and mango; otherwise prospects very good. Public health on the whole good
	14	Pubna, „ 1 „	0·74	Weather—cloudy, with occasional showers. Crops forward and in good condition. Public health good
	15	Darjeeling, „ 1 „	0·72	Sky cloudy. A thunderstorm accompanied with hail on afternoon of 26th. Strong wind at night. In Terai young *bhadoi* coming up. In Hills Indian-corn, *sama*, *kaoni*, and *phaphur* still being sown. First flush of tea over.
	16	Julpigoree, „ 1 „	0·34	Rain during first part of week; latterly weather clear. Sowing of *bhadoi* still continues undamaged. With exception of small-pox in a few villages, public health good.
		Cooch Behar, Apl. 29 „	1·45	Weather—showery and cool. Occasional strong wind with rain and thunder.
		Dinhatta ...	0·53	Prospects of all crops good. Small-pox decreasing.
		Mathabhanga ...	1·51	
		Meckligunge ...	0 9	
		Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Div.	17	Dacca, May 1 '80	0·85	Weather—warm, windy and cloudy. Outturn of *cheena* and *kaoni* expected to be excellent. Sowings of paddy continue. Public health good.
		Moonshigunge (for week ending 28th April.)	0 32	
		Manickgunge (for week ending 28th April.)	1·70	
	18	Furreedpore, „ 1 „	0·63	Weather—cool for the time of year. Sowing nearly finished. Prospects good.
		Goalundo ...	0·40	Public health good.
	19	Backergunge, Apl. 29 „	Nil	Weather—clouds about, but rain holds off. Cool for time of year. Rain wanted for ploughing. *Boro dhan* cut; outturn fair. Public health good.
	20	Mymensingh, „ 30 „	0·88	Weather—hot, with occasional storms. State and prospects of crops good.
	21	Tipperah, „ 30 „	Nil	Weather—sultry. Sky cloudy on several days. Sowing of rice still going on.
		Brahmanbaria ..	0 08	Minor crops (chilli, *til*, &c.) doing well.
		Chandpore	0·60	

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BENGAL—(*Continued.*)			
	Eastern Districts—(Continued.		
Chittagong Divn.			
22	Chittagong, May 4 '80	1·19	Weather—cloudy and more rain expected. Prospects of crops favorable. Cholera in some parts. Cattle disease continues
23	Noakholly, Apl. 29 „	Nil	Weather—hot and dry. Much rice sown, and large tracts quite green; rice nearly a foot high. Plenty of moisture in soil. Ploughing and sowing being pushed on. Pulses being gathered; a fair crop. Health good.
24	Chittagong Hill Tracts, „ 27 „	Nil	Weather—very hot throughout week Cloudy this morning (27th). Júm burning still continues. Land being ploughed for *aus*. Tobacco and chilli being gathered.
	Hill Tipperah, „ 28 „	0·50	Weather—clear and bright. Plantation of sugarcane still continues. Tobacco being reaped. Public health good.
BEHAR.			
Patna Divn			
25	Patna, May 1 '80	Nil	Weather—cool at night and during mornings; sultry during day. Wind from east. Harvesting of *rubbee* crops completed and threshing in progress.
26	Gya, „ 1 „	0·09	Weather—a little cooler on account of recent showers. Maximum reading in shade 110·5°. Cutting of *rubbee* nearly completed. Public health generally good.
	Nowada ...	0·50	
27	Shahabad, „ 1 „	Nil	Weather—hot, with east wind. Harvesting of *rubbee* completed. Mango and indigo promise well. Prices stationary. Public health generally good.
28	Durbhunga, „ 1 „	Nil	Weather—hot, with strong east wind. Threshing of *rubbee* crops in progress. Mango and indigo promising. *Moong*, *dhan* and *cheena* being sown in parts. Few cases of cholera and small-pox in Modhoobani sub-division.
29	Mozufferpore, „ 1 „	Nil	Weather—cool, with east wind. Preparation of lands for *bhadoi* sowings continues. Crops on ground doing well Cholera decreasing in Seetamarhee.
	Seetamarhee ...	0·08	
30	Sarun, „ 1 „	Nil	Weather—warm, with strong east wind. *Cheena* being sown; early sowings doing well. Indigo prospects continue favorable. Cholera and small-pox in mofussil.
31	Chumparun, „ 1 „	Nil	Weather—warm, but cool in morning. East wind still prevalent Indigo doing well; mango much injured by continued east wind.
32	Monghyr, May 1 '80	Nil	High east wind during latter part of week. Preparations being made for sowing of *bhadoi*. Public health good Cholera abating in Jamui sub-division.
Bhagulpore Divn.			
33	Bhagulpore, „ 1 „	0·14	Weather—cool, with easterly wind. One north-wester storm. No crops on ground. Public health good.
34	Purneah, „ 1 „	Nil	Weather—pleasantly cool for time of year. High east wind. Threats of storms at from 7 to 10 P.M. daily. Prospects good, but growing crops want rain Health deteriorating.
	Kissengunge ...	0·05	
35	Maldah, „ 1 „	0·69	Weather storm on evenings of 28th and 29th followed by rain and hail. Temperature reduced by six degrees. Sky cloudy and air cool at night. *Boro* and mango crops suffered from late storm. Rain done good to *bhadoi* paddy. Public health generally good. A few cases of cholera.
36	Sonthal Perghs, „ 1 „	0·98	Weather—hot and damp, with cool intervals due to storms Wind south and east. Agricultural operations at a stand-still.
	Deoghur ...	0·07	
	Pakour	0·9	
ORISSA			
Orissa Divn			
37	Cuttack, May 1 '80	0·80	Weather—seasonable Ploughing continues. Cases of small-pox still reported. Prices stationary
38	Pooree, Apl. 29 „	Nil	Weather—cloudy, with eastern wind. *Dalua* paddy being harvested. *Sarud* lands being ploughed. Rain wanted. Small-pox not yet completely disappeared. Prices stationary.
39	Balasore „ 30 „	0·16	Weather—fine, with daily threatening of storms. Ploughing going on, but more rain wanted in north Showers in southern part. Disease much decreased.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency		
40	Hazareebagh, Apl. 30 '80	Nil	Weather—inclined to be stormy. No crops to report on. General health good, excepting a few cases of cholera to north of district
41	Lohardugga, May 1 „	Traces of rain	Weather—seasonable. Rain wanted badly for ploughing and for tea. Small-pox and cattle disease still prevalent.
42	Singbhoom, Apl. 30 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable and excessively hot. No crops on ground. Fevers common. Public health otherwise good
43	Manbhoom, May 1 „	0·24	Weather—very hot till 29th, when there was a heavy dust storm with rain. Since then another shower and it has been much cooler. Cotton being sown and sugarcane transplanted. No other crops on ground. Outturn of *mohwa* good. Mango crop short owing to early rain. Measles reported from Purulia station, Public health otherwise good.

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No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 31st* March 1874.	Nil	No rain, weather getting warmer. Distress increasing in Bood-bood. Fever as before. Some cholera in the town of Culna.
2	Bancoorah, 28th Mar. 1874	N l	Dry and hot in the daytime, with westerly wind, but cool at night. Not much to note. The growing cotton and indigo are doing well. Cases of small-pox and cholera still reported.
3	Beerbhoom, 28th „ „	Nil	The weather has become suddenly very hot; nights and early mornings still cool. Cold weather crops approaching maturity. Export by rail to Bhagulpore and Patna Divisions chiefly, 6,047 maunds. About 2,500 persons employed on relief works, and about 1,000 daily, for the most part of the mendicant class, in receipt of charitable relief. Prices easier.
4	Midnapore, 28th „ „	.....	Some rain in the east of the district, but none at head-quarters. Mulberry, indigo, boro rice, and all cold-weather crops doing well. Prospects good, and prices stationary.
5	Hooghly, 28th „ „	Nil	Clear throughout; wind variable, getting hot. Boro and jalla paddy, onion and teel (oil-seed) on the ground. Grounds are prepared for the cultivation of early rice.
	Howrah, 28th „ „	·26	Warm towards the end of the week, and weather seems to have settled fair. There is no change of any sort except that the boro rice crop is better by another favorable week.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 31st* March 1874.	0·15	Heat increasing; mornings occasionally foggy, strong southerly breeze throughout the week. There are scarcely any crops on the ground. Preparation of ground for the next early rice crop continues on a very large scale. A few cases of cholera reported from Basseerhat, Barripore, Diamond Harbour, and Satkhira. Also seven cases of small-pox from the latter sub-division. Cholera has disappeared from Nyehatty.
7	Nuddea, 28th Mar. 1874	.....	Becoming hotter. Heavy rain at and near Koosteah on the 23rd March. Wheat, barley, and linseed have been cut, giving generally a tolerably good outturn. Gram and other similar crops have been injured by hail and rain. Indigo is promising. Sowings of early rice have begun in low lands in Meherpore. Prices are beginning to rise again, especially at Kaligunge. Cholera is more than usually prevalent this year in the sudder and Chooadangah Sub-divisions. There are three special doctors employed
8	Jessore, 28th „ „	·38	Generally clear. About 4 P.M. on the 24th March there was a short storm from the south-west. Some rain has fallen. The rain has been good for indigo sowings and the cultivation of rice. The former promise well. Teel (oil-seed) is also prospering. The boro rice is ripening in Narail and Bageerhat, is said to be good. In Khoolna, the well-known insect, majrapoka, is said to be doing little injury to it owing to the change. It is not however as yet serious.
RAJSHAHYE DIVISION. 9	Moorshedabad, 28th „ „	Nil	Slight rain in thannahs Bharutpore, Jellungi, and Nowda during the week. Days very hot but nights cool. The harvesting of the cold weather crops continues and affords employment to a great number of people. Early rice is being sown on alluvial lands in the eastern parts of the district. At Hurriburparah, Nowda, and Jellungi the prices of wheat, barley, and gram have fallen considerably. Rice is also cheaper at Jungypore and Rampore Haut, but stationary at head-quarters. Small-pox still prevails.
10	Dinagepore, 28th „ „	Nil	A little rain at Nowabgunge. Dry west winds blowing continually. Good outturn of boro rice expected. Prospects of the next crops very good.
11	Maldah, 28th „ „	Nil	Hot and dry with strong westerly winds. The cold-weather crops are being harvested and the outturn is turning out an average one as expected. The boro paddy and mango crop still promise well. New wheat is being sold in the market at 13 to 14 seers per rupee. Imports of rice and paddy at the local markets decreasing and prices rising. Health of the district generally good.
12	Rajshahye, 28th „ „	Nil	No rain during the week. There is no change to report in the state of the crops. The reaping of wheat and barley is going on. Other cold-weather crops have been gathered in. Prices have been stationary except in Singrah where rice is dearer and is now selling at 13 seers per rupee. Cholera is prevalent in many villages, particularly in the north-western part of the district. Cases of small-pox also are reported.

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No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
RAJSHAHYE DIVN.—(*Contd.*) 13	Rungpore, 28th March 1874.	Nil	There has been a considerable increase of heat latterly, which has, however, been tempered by a steady breeze from the west and north-west. The weather has been pleasant for the time of the year. No rain has been reported. Sugarcane and tobacco are good, wheat and barley and pulses are very good; cheena and kowni (millets) promise equally well. The early rice has been very extensively sown and the crop is now considered secure; there will be also further sowings of early rice in the south-western parts of the district. In a comparatively small tract in that quarter between Gobindgunge and Kamdiyar hât the sowings of early rice have been embarrassed by the bad circumstances of the petty cultivators. General health of the district very good.
14	Bograh, 28th Mar 1874	Nil	Dry and warm in the daytime. The cutting of the mustard has been completed; a 12 or 13-annas outturn is estimated, and the similar outturn of sugarcane. Cold-weather crops, such as mator (pulse), &c., are being gathered in. A fair average is expected
15	Pubna, 28th „ „	0·28	Weather hot. On the 23rd March there was a slight shower of rain. Cheena (millet), peas, khesaree, and mushoor (pulses), linseed, wheat, barley, and gram crops are being reaped. The produce of these crops may be estimated at 12 annas of an average year. Jally and boro paddy crops are doing well. Early and late rice being sown Teel (oil-seed) has nearly all been sown. Prices rising. General health good. Three cases of cholera have been reported from Dolye station during the week. Some reports of general distress in the direction of Chat Mohur in a native newspaper are being specially enquired into.
COOCH BEHAR DIVN. 16	Darjeeling, 28th Mar. 1874	0·20	High winds; weather getting a little warmer; rain doing good. The same as last week, i.e., ground being prepared for sowing. Common rice cheaper a little; more brought to market during this week as compared with last week.
17	Julpigoree, 28th „ „	Nil	Cool and seasonable, westerly winds. There is little to notice as regards prospects of crops, there being no change since last week. Seed paddy is being supplied by the Cooch Behar State to the jotedars in Boda and rice for the same pergunnah is now *en route*. Scarcity is reported in parts of Boda, but at present not more than the work on roads and railway should meet. Small-pox has broken out in Patgram and south of Boda, and cholera is also reported in Boda. Price of rice has generally over the district fallen slightly, and with exception of Boda there is plenty of rice in the markets.
	Cooch Behar, 28th „ „	Nil	First half of week very high east wind, weather cool and threatening rain. Latter half of week sky unclouded and west wind in the afternoons. Cutting tobacco nearly finished. Weeding of kowni (millet) and early rice going on. Sowing of early rice still in progress. The dry weather has favored the cutting of tobacco and the early rice sowings
	Eastern Districts.		
DACCA DIVISION. 18	Dacca, 31st* Mar. 1874	·85	No rain since Wednesday, warm with sunshine; cloudy on the 31st March and like rain Prospects of crops, a little damaged from hail, but sunshine has done much good.
19	Furreedpore, 28th „ „	0·26	Cloudy and strong south-westerly wind during the day and rain at night on Monday and a storm in the afternoon of Tuesday, the whole of which day and the next morning were cloudy, but clear and sunny the rest of the week. With some slight variation the wind was generally south-west throughout the week. The price of coarse rice has fallen at Madareepore, owing probably to increase of importations by dealers It is stationary at Furreedpore, Goalundo, Bhanga, and Gopalgunge. The Collector notices that the price has fallen generally in eastern districts and Backergunge which could also first affect Madareepore.
20	Backergunge, 21st Mar, 1874.	·35	Cool and seasonable. Prospects of crops fair. Kalai (pulse) has been nearly all reaped, and has turned out pretty well. The teel (oil-seed), hemp, and sugarcane crops look well
21	Mymensing, 28th March 1874.	·61	Rain in the sudder station on two days of the week, weather in other days clear, and temperature much higher than last week, though the mornings are still cool. Rain in the south-east of the district on four days, amounting to two inches. No rain in the south-west. Report from north-west of the district not received. Little change in the prospects of the crops from last week. Early rice is being sown. Condition of boro rice, and cheena (millet) crops good.
22	Sylhet, 14th Mar. 1874	0·90	Heavy rains on the night of Tuesday the 17th and morning of Wednesday the 18th and very cloudy and unsettled till the 21st March, when the sky became clear and the sun shone brightly. Weather still keeps cool for this time of the year. The heavy rains have thrown back the early and late rice sowings. The hailstorm of the 9th is reported to have done some damage to crops in Dharampasha. Price of rice still rising. About 12,000 maunds of rice and 25,000 maunds of paddy exported. Heavy rains and high wind on 24th and 25th March with intermittent thunder Rainfall about 3·89 since telegraphed.
23	Cachar ...	.....	Return not received.

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BENGAL.—*(Contd.)*			
	Eastern Districts.—(Contd.)		
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 24	Chittagong, 21st Mar. 1874.	1·56	Showers of rain fell during the week, commencing on Monday. The heaviest fall was on Wednesday the 18th March, when there was also some hail. The rain appears to have been general over the Sudder Sub-division, but did not extend to Cox's Bazar, where rain is much wanted. The rain will benefit the spring crops and facilitate preparation of the ground for the early paddy. Cholera still reported from Patna and the Seetacoond seaboard. Some cases also are said to have occurred in Cox's Bazar.
25	Noakhally, 21st Mar. 1874.	1·11	During the day fair, evening cloudy, and rain at night. Reaping of the khesaree (pulse) nearly completed and that of linseed commenced. The other crops, moong and kalai (pulses), sesamum (oil-seed), and chillies are doing well. The rains have put a stop to preparations of land for the early rice crops.
26	Tipperah, 21st Mar. 1874	·84	Bright and rather cool, several short but severe storms having cooled the air; nearly an inch of rain fell, principally at night. The cold-weather crops of khesaree, kalai, and musooree (pulses), &c., are being reaped, and will have a good average outturn. The prospects of the boro paddy are excellent.
27	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 21st March 1874.	1·5	Heavy rain with squalls on the 17th, 18th, 19th, and 21st March. The rain has done much harm to the tobacco plants and has interfered with the joom-cutting.
	Hill Tipperah, 21st Mar. 1874.	0·69	Much the same as last week; getting hotter. There was a thunderstorm and rain on Wednesday evening, and rain on Friday night. State and prospects of crops the same as last week. Only chillies, onions, and such like on the ground.
BEHAR.			
PATNA DIVISION. 28	Patna, 30th* Mar. 1874	Nil	Weather seasonable with strong west winds. The cold-weather crops are now fast being cut and will soon be all stored. They have yielded better than was at first expected. The health of the district, with the exception of a few cases of small-pox in the city, continues good.
29	Gya, 28th „ „	Nil	Fine. Cool mornings and evenings. The weather for the harvest has been all that could be desired and the gathering of the crops may now be said approaching completion. In the Aurungabad Sub-division the outturn is reported to be still better than was anticipated. Health generally good. Some sporadic cases of small-pox reported.
30	Shahabad, 28th March 1874.	Nil	Variable, with west wind. Cold-weather crops being gathered. Cheena (millet) promising. No change since last week. Small-pox somewhat prevalent.
31	Tirhoot, 28th Mar. 1874	Nil	Warm, westerly wind prevailing. In the Mudhoobunnee Sub-division, the cold-weather crops are being harvested. In a few places moong (pulse) and cheena (millet) have been sown and plants are thriving. Want of rain is much felt. Moong (pulse) will yield a good harvest and in some way mitigate the pressure of famine. The cold-weather crops which have been reaped in the Hajeepore part of the sub-division look well and strong. Towards the north of the sub-division, especially about Shahpur and parts of Mowah, the outturn has disappointed everyone. The crop looked much thicker before it was reaped than it has subsequently turned out. In this part the sub-divisional officer has commenced relieving isolated cases of distress, chiefly old people and children. There is abundance of work as yet for the agricultural and coolie classes. In Seetamurhee there has been no rain since last report, strong westerly wind injuring the crop now being reaped. The cold-weather crops are being reaped, but the fields will not, the Collector fears, yield as much as has been anticipated. The crop looked well in parts, but the yield is disappointing. The prospects of the rest of the sub-division remain about the same.
32	Sarun, 28th March 1874	Nil	Weather dry and fine; west wind prevailing. The bulk of the cold-weather crops has been gathered; the yield is turning out better than was anticipated. Spring crops are coming on well. Mango crop promising; sugarcane being planted. Moong (pulse) and paddy are being sown in the low land; the opium weighment has commenced; new pulses and grain are coming into the market. Prices steady.
33	Chumparun, 28th March 1874.	Nil	East and west winds. Prospects continue good. The cold-weather crops are being harvested. High west winds have prevailed during the week, causing some damage to the cheena (millet) crop.
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 34	Monghyr, 28th Mar. 1874	Nil	Seasonable weather. The harvest is general and every available person is in the field; the outturn in Dearahs as was expected is quite up to the average, in some favored tracts an unusually good crop has been reaped. Taking high and low lands together, the outturn of the cold-weather crops may be calculated a 12-anna crop and between six and eight millions of maunds of grain will be secured to the district.
35	Bhagulpore, 31st† Mar. 1874.	Nil	No rain has fallen. Harvesting of the cold-weather crops in full operation; return very good. Mango and mohwa crops very promising. General health unusually good.
36	Purneah, 28th Mar. 1874	Nil	Warm and seasonable. Wheat and gram are being gathered. Sowings for early and late rice crops are going on. The harvest of the cold-weather crops is a good one. The price of rice is stationary.
37	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 28th March 1874.	Nil	West winds have commenced to blow and it is consequently hot during the day, but the mornings and evenings are still cool. Reports of the cold-weather crops on the Rajmehal Dearahs still very good. No change anywhere except that there appears to be still hope for the mohwa crop.

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ORISSA.			
Orissa Division. 38	Cuttack, 31st Mar. 1874	Nil	Weather dry and hot. Dalua paddy growing luxuriantly, but not extensively. Public health good.
39	Pooree, 21st Mar. 1874	Nil	Rainfall at Khoordah 1·73. There was a good rainfall on the night of the 16th March in the Khoordah sub-division generally, and in Kotdeo, Serain, and Kotrahung. The weather is now hot. Moong (pulse) will now be gathered. Dalua rice crop has commenced to be reaped partly, and has been a good one. Cotton is doing well. Castor seed is well nigh harvesting. Linseed has been completely gathered with a good outturn. Mango crop is not abundant, but what there is is doing well. Ploughing for ensuing cultivation is proceeding, and has been helped by the late rain. Purchases of rice continue moderately; prices are almost stationary in the mofussil. Public health is generally good, except that small-pox is prevalent in some places, as usual at this season.
40	Balasore, 28th " "	Nil	Seasonable weather. Ploughing continues. Agriculturists are busy with their dalua rice, castor seed, sugarcane and karanja, (wild oil-seed) crops in the few parts where these are produced. The threshing of the present season's rice crop is nearly over. Cholera and small-pox cases still occur.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
41	Hazareebagh, 28th Mar. 1874.	Nil	The weather has been very seasonable during the week. The cold weather crops are being gathered and promise to yield a fair harvest. The mohwa is commencing to fall and likewise promise well. The police report that pressure is being felt in various localities and a few cases of distress have been reported in the town, to these relief has been given.
42	Lohardugga, 28th March 1874.	Nil	Fine weather and cool for the time of the year. The cold-weather crops are being reaped, but the outturn will be very small owing to the limited area under cultivation and the grain in Palamow has been somewhat damaged by insects. If the weather remains clear for the next 10 days the mohwa will be plentiful in the Palamow and Toree Pergunnahs and this will afford much relief to the people. The lands are all ready now for cultivation. Prices steady. General health good.
43	Singbhoom, 21st Mar. 1874.	0·97	Heavy rain on the night of the 15th March. Days very warm, nights cool. Nothing to add to last week's report. Cholera still reported from Chakulia, but is confined to this village only. Cattle disease still continues.
44	Manbhoom, 28th March 1874.	Nil	Fair. Warm during day, but mornings still cool. Mohwa cropping very well. Barley and wheat nearly all reaped. Importation from Singbhoom and expectation of the arrival of Government rice at Burrakur have been keeping prices down over a considerable portion of the district. Elsewhere dealers are refusing to sell and distress is being felt in many of the more inaccessible villages.

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Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops in the different District of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 15th May 1880.

No.	District, and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL			
	Western Districts		
BURDWAN DIVN. 1	Burdwan, May 15 '80	2·11	Weather—seasonable Ploughing going one. Sowing of early rice begun. Cholera in four thanas. Some cattle disease in Cutwa and Culna.
	Culna ...	1 45	
	Runeegunge	0·20	
	Cutwa	0·61	
2	Bankoora, „ 15 „	1·06	Weather—showery and pretty cool. In south rain seems heavier than in north, but in east very little. Crops on the whole much benefited, and ploughing operations facilitated. Only a very few cases of cholera and small-pox in a very few villages.
	Bishenpore	2·25	
3	Beerbhoom, „ 15 „	1 13	Frequent storms keep temperature down *Til* very promising. Cultivation forward.
4	Midnapore, „ 15 „	0·86	Weather—seasonable. State and prospects of crops good.
5	Hooghly, „ 15 „	2 65	Weather—cloudy throughout week; rain with lightning and thunder. Prospects of vegetables and sugarcane good. Ploughing for rice and jute cultivation commenced in places Small-pox still prevails in thana Gooptiparah, and cholera in Serampore, Chunditollah and Singhoor thanas.
	Howrah „ 17 „	1·75	Weather—hot and sultry. State and prospects of crops good.
	Moheshrekha ..	2·28	

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 28th March 1874.

Rainfall, Weather and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 4th April 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 7th* April 1874	Nil	No rain has fallen in the district, except a passing shower at Mancoor on the 3rd April. Teel (oil-seed) suffering from want of rain. Distress increasing in Boodbood and Cutwa. Fever as before; a few cases of cholera at Culna and Cutwa.
2	Bancoorah, 4th „ „	Nil	Dry and hot, with westerly wind. Cotton, teel, (oil-seed), boro paddy, and indigo growing and doing well. Everything else harvested. Prices stationary. Small-pox abating, and a few cases of cholera reported.
3	Beerbhoom, 4th „ „	Nil	Hot with strong winds. No marked change to record. Export to Patna and Bhagulpore Divisions of week ending 28th March, 5,813 maunds. About 6,000 persons now on district and relief works. Prices rising.
4	Midnapore, 4th „ „	0·08	The hot weather has duly set in, with the usual accompaniments of high wind and occasional storms. The reports on the state and prospects of the crops continue favorable, especially as regards mulberry and indigo.
5	Hooghly, 4th „ „	Nil	Clear throughout and hot; wind variable. Boro and jalla paddy, onion and teel (oil-seed) on the ground. Ground being prepared for the early rice cultivation.
	Howrah, 4th „ „	.....	The hot weather has set in, for the breezes are very strong, especially after sunset. All the crops (the boro paddy being the only important food-crops) continue to do very well.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 7th† April 1874.	.....	Bright and warmer with occasional clouds and fogs in the morning. The next early rice sowings will commence as soon as there is a fall of rain. Sugarcane has yielded a fair crop. Cholera continues in thannahs Bascerhat, Baduria, Bankipore, Mathurapore, and Barripore. It has almost disappeared in thannah Diamond Harbour, but has broken out in thannah Satkhira. Two cases of small-pox reported from Kularoa.
7	Nuddea, 4th April 1874	.....	The hot weather has now set in. Almost all crops are off the ground. In Koosteah the outturn is estimated at 12 to 14 annas. Indigo is promising, and so is the little boro paddy which exists in the district. Aus or early rice sowings have commenced in low lands. Prices are much the same as last week. Cholera is bad in Chooadanga Sub-division and in the distressed tracts of the Sudder. Three native doctors are employed.
8	Jessore, 4th „ „	.....	A little rain in the Narail Sub-division. Elsewhere there has been none, though the sky has been at intervals overcast and threatening with clouds. Cultivation of paddy is getting on well. If the rain which threatens, falls, will do much good. There is no important change in prices.
RAJSHAHYE DIVISION. 9	Moorshedabad, 4th „ „	Nil	Cool in the mornings and evenings, not during the day. On the evening of the 3rd April there were threatening clouds, with strong wind, but a few drops of rain fell at head-quarters. There were heavy showers of rain in the Hurrihurparah and Nowada Thannahs. In some places the *Choitali* crops (crops which are ready by the second half of March and first half of April) are still being harvested, and the fields are being prepared for the next early rice sowings; this affords employment to a considerable number of labourers, principally in the eastern thannahs. Prices of food-grains remain stationary. Small-pox and cholera are still prevalent in the head-quarters sub-district.
10	Dinagepore, 4th „ „	Nil	Dry and hot during the early part of the week, cloudy for the last day or two, and looks like rain. Boro rice promises well; in some places water for this crop is beginning to fail. Rain wanted to complete early rice sowings.
11	Maldah, 4th „ „	0·88	Hot and dry, with occasional clouds; storm, rain, and hail on Friday, the 3rd April, and distant thunders and clouds on Saturday, the 4th. The cold weather crop is almost all safely harvested, and has yielded a full average outturn. The cheena (millet) and gram, which still remain to be harvested, also promise a full yield. The boro rice, which in places was suffering for want of water, has benefited greatly by the rain, and the prospect of this crop still continues good. The mango crop also promises fairly well. The hail has not been so severe as to do material injury to the early boro rice crop. Prices have fallen slightly, and the prospect and condition of the district are better than it was last week. Heavy thunder-storm with hail and rain since telegraphed
12	Rajshahye, 4th „ „	0·75	Heavy rain in the afternoon of 3rd April, accompanied with high wind. The sky was not clear on the 4th. The cold weather crops have been harvested, and land is being prepared for paddy sowings. Prices of food-grains have slightly risen in the thannah jurisdiction of Bagmarah, Godagari, and Singrah, and been stationary elsewhere.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts — (Contd.)		
Rajshahye Divn.—(*Contd.*) 13	Rungpore, 4th April 1874	·12	High winds, with cloudy weather, but without rain until the evening of the 3rd April, when there was a short but heavy hail-storm and a fall of rain, and more rain threatening. Wheat and pulses now gathered and a plentiful crop. Kowni and cheena (millets) and the sprouting rice where sown must needs rain. Sowing is extensively going on all over the district.
14	Bograh, 4th „ „	2·62	Pleasant at the time of report. Rain has fallen in the district during the week. Weather and the cold weather crops are favorably reported upon. Jute sowing has commenced in some places. The early rice crop is being sown in the east part of the district.
15	Pubna, 4th „ „	1·47	Weather hot. On the 1st April it rained slightly, and on the 3rd there was a heavy shower of rain attended with hail and a storm from the west. The harvest of the peas, khesaree, and musoor (pulses), linseed, barley, and wheat, has been completed, gram and the late cheena (millet) crops are still being cut. The boro and jally rice crops will be greatly benefited by the rain. The ryots have taken advantage of the rain, and are sowing both early and late rice. General health of the district good. Three cases of cholera reported from Maldah outpost.
Cooch Behar Divn. 16	Darjeeling, 4th „ „	1·56	Occasional showers, with alternate fog and bright sunshine. No crops of any importance on the ground at present.
17	Julpigoree, 4th „ „	Nil	Mornings and evenings cool. Westerly wind and last few days cloudy. Tobacco is being cut in parts and finished cutting in others; the crop is a very good one. Barley and wheat have been reaped and are good crops. Potatoes dug up—a good crop. Sowing of kowni (millet) and moong (pulse) finished. Sowing of jute commenced. Reports of the state of the people all over the district cheering. There has been a general and considerable fall in the price of rice in the district; coarse rice, which was lately selling in the Julpigoree bazar at 11 seers per rupee, is now 17 and 18 seers, and in the Dooars 18 and 19 seers per rupee. In parts of Boda where, the district officers have been most anxious, the poorer classes would suffer from distress, are still pinched from want of full quantity of food. Coarse rice, a seer or two cheaper. The fall in prices in those parts, where the crops have been worst, i. e., parts of Boda, is owing to the cold weather crops being in these parts very good and now having come to markets, and partly to the fact of rice being stored on the part of the Cooch Behar State. Generally all over the district the fall is due to export having stopped, and this is said to be consequent on the sale of Government rice in neighbouring districts. No distress at present.
	Cooch Behar, 4th „ „	1·20	Fine, except on the 1st, when there was a heavy gale of wind, accompanied by thunder, hail, and heavy rain. The tobacco was nearly all secured before the hails. Prospects of millets and early rice good. The rain has been beneficial.
	Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division. 18	Dacca, 7th* April 1874	1·01	Warm and sunny weather with storms Prospects of crops good. Some cholera in the district.
19	Furreedpore, 4th „ „	1·45	Bad weather expected; it has been very hot for the last three days, and a storm threatened on Wednesday afternoon. A north-wester on Friday night, when nearly 1½ inches of rain fell. No change in the state and condition of the crops. Boro paddy excellent all over the district.
20	Backergunge, 28th Mar. 187	Nil	Hot weather. Crops good.
21	Mymensing, 4th April 1874.	2·9	Rain in the Sudder Station on two days of the week. Severe thunder-storm on the 1st and 3rd April. Temperature as high as last week. Mornings cool. No rain in the south-west of the district; little rain on one day in the south-east; and in the north-west a thunder-storm on one day and some rain. The prospects of the crops much the same as last week. No report as to the effect of hail on boro rice and cheena (millet) yet received. Early rice sowings going on.
22	Sylhet, 28th Mar. 1874	4·	Heavy showers of rain, off and on, all through the first half of the week, with a good deal of thunder and high wind and a little hail. The weather has set in fine since 27th March, and the warm weather may now be said to be fairly set in. The ryots are again beginning to sow their early and late rice crops. If the dry weather continues, these crops will be unusually good. Much more heavy rain just now would throw back the crops so much as to render distress probable at the end of the year. 10,000 maunds of rice and 20,000 maunds of paddy exported. The heavy rain has been most beneficial to tea, and will be to the rice crops if there is a little dry weather for some time. Health of the district good. The river has risen nearly 13 feet since last Saturday.
23	Cachar	.....	Return not received.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*) *Eastern Districts — (Contd.)*			
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 24	Chittagong, 28th Mar. 1874.	·10	Cloudy and windy, with some rain in early part of the week; more settled since the 26th March. The late rains have done much good. In some places the ground is being prepared for the early paddy crop. Cholera reported from most stations in the sudder sub-division.
25	Noakhally, 28th Mar. 1874.	1·07	Cool, cloudy, and rainy—unusual for the season; a heavy shower of rain, with hail, on the evening of the 26th March, and morning of the 28th foggy. Reaping of khesary (pulse) and linseed crops being completed. Moong (pulse), chilly, and sessamum (oil-seed) crops have been injured by the late rains and hail-stones; cultivation of the early rice crops progressing. In Ameergunge ten annas of the chilly and twelve annas of the moong (pulse) and sessamum (oil-seed) crops have been destroyed by rain and hail.
26	Tipperah, 28th Mar. 1874	·55	Stormy and high winds during first half of the week, latter half hot and sunny; weather altogether warmer than last week. Prospects of spring rice crops good; other crops have a good outturn.
27	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 28th March 1874.	·74	Occasional falls of rain throughout the week, foggy on the morning of the 28th March. Tobacco being gathered. The hillmen are yet engaged in joom-cutting. Owing to the fall of rain during the last few days the joom-burning will commence little later than usual.
	Hill Tipperah, 28th Mar. 1874.	0·14	First part of the week cloudy, with some rain on the nights of the 23rd and 25th March. Strong wind during first part of the week. Heavy dews in the mornings; getting very hot. Nothing new to report. Ploughing is going on in most parts of the level country under the hills.
BEHAR.			
PATNA DIVISION. 28	Patna, 7th* April 1874	Nil	Weather seasonable, though very cool for the time of the year. Strong east winds in the morning which turn round to the west in the middle of the day. The cold weather crops have now nearly been all harvested and yielded well. Health of the district good, but the number of cases of small-pox in the city is slightly on the increase.
29	Gya, 4th „ „	Nil	Seasonable weather; the spring harvest is being brought to a close. The produce fully bears out the estimated outturn. Cheena (millet) has been sown in large quantities than was originally reported, and the crop at present is in all stages of maturity. Health remains good.
30	Shahabad, 4th „ „ 1874.	Nil	Sky murky. Strong west wind, attended with dust-storm, prevailing, chiefly in the day; mornings pleasant. The harvesting of the cold weather crops is progressing steadily, from which an average outturn is expected. Mango crop, so far as standing, promises well, and will, if there is no blight, help in the way of giving food to the poor.
31	Tirhoot, 4th April 1874	Nil	Hot and dry in day and cool by night. In the Tajpore Sub-division the cold weather crop harvest is still going on. Tobacco traders are not coming forward to buy as in ordinary years The moong (pulse), kowni, and cheena (millets), sowings require rain. Indigo prospects bad; germination was not bad; but the plants die away, and in places caterpillars are doing much damage. No change in the prospects of the mango crops. In the Durbungah sub-division the mustard and rahur (pulse) are good; cheena (millet) sown to some extent, but the prospect is not very encouraging. Mango crop still promises well. There is no change in the prospects of the rest of the sub-divisions.
32	Sarun, 4th „ „	Nil	Weather bright and sunny, and getting warm. West wind prevailing. The harvest of the cold weather crops has been almost completed, and the bulk of the crops thrashed and stocked. The yield has been better than was anticipated; the grains are full and of excellent quality. Cheena (millet) is coming on well. Sugarcane is being planted for the next year's crop. The prospects of indigo is indifferent. The seeds have not germinated well, and where germinated, the plants are sickly and withering away for want of moisture in the fields. New pulses and grains are coming into the market. Prices steady.
33	Chumparun, 4th „ „	Nil	East and west winds. The cold weather crops are being rapidly harvested; the produce is good, so far as it goes. The cheena (millet) crop continues good, but is in much want of rain, without which a good outturn cannot be expected. Health of district continues good.
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 34	Monghyr, 4th „ „	Nil	Seasonable weather. The cold weather crop is nearly all cut; the outturn is as good as was expected. Indigo prospects bad; mohwa and mango prospects good. Health of the district satisfactory.
35	Bhagulpore, 7th* April 1874.	Nil	East and west winds. Cold weather crops almost all reaped; outturn very satisfactory. General health very good.
36	Purneah, 4th April 1874	Nil	Very hot and dry. The cold weather crops are nearly all gathered in. Ploughing and sowing of the early rice in progress. Rain is wanted for kowni and cheena (millets) and early rice. Prices fluctuating with the state of trade.
37	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 4th April 1874.	Nil	Very hot. The great heat of the weather is favorable to the outturn of mohwa, which, in spite of previous anticipation, may be a very good crop. The prospects of mohwa in Deoghur are excellent. Nothing else to report.

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ORISSA.			
Orissa Division. 38	Cuttack, 7th* April 1874	Nil	No rain, weather hot. Prospects of crops good. Public health good.
39	Pooree, 28th Mar. 1874	·05	There was slight rainfall in parts of Khoordah Sub-division. The weather was occasionally cloudy up to 24th March, and afterwards hot. Moong (pulse) is being gathered with a fair outturn; dalua rice crop is being reaped, and the produce is good. Cotton is doing well; castor-seed is being gathered with a fair outturn. Mango crop, though not abundant, is doing well. Agricultural operations are proceeding well. Purchases of rice for exportation continue moderately. Prices are stationary. Public health is generally good, except that small-pox prevails in some places as usual at this time.
40	Balasore, 4th April 1874	0·01	Hot, with north-westers and occasional rain. Advantage is being taken of the occasional showers to plough and manure the land for next season's crops. The dalua rice harvest has commenced. The threshing of the present season's rice is nearly completed.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
41	Hazareebagh, 4th April 1874.	Nil	Cloudless sky and hot west wind. The continued fine weather has greatly improved the mohwa crop. It is now generally considered a twelve-anna crop, if not more. But the high prices that have ranged in this district so long have prevented people coming to this food with the same strength that they have in ordinary years, and it is feared that the fruit diet will prove unwholesome. Pressure is reported from Bengabad, which lies to the north-east of Pachamba, and measures are being taken to open works there. From other parts previously affected, reports are more favorable.
42	Lohardugga, 4th April 1874.	Nil	Weather dry and warm during the week, but seasonable. The cold weather crops are being rapidly harvested, and the weather has on the whole been very favorable for the harvest. The mohwa has fallen, and is still falling, freely in the Palamow and Toree Pergunnahs, and this will give immense relief to the people. Prices are stationary. General health good. Palamow price-current of the 31st March shows a slight fall in price.
43	Singbhoom, 28th Mar. 1874.	Nil	Days very warm, nights still cool. Nothing particular to report about crops. Cholera and cattle disease continue.
44	Maunbhoom, 4th April 1874.	Nil	Seasonable weather. The lower classes are in many places living entirely on mohwa flowers, and it is feared that in consequence of the increased consumption the crop, though a very full one, will not last more than another month at the outside. Isolated cases of distress are cropping up throughout the eastern and north-western pergunnahs, but have hitherto been successfully dealt with by the district officers.

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Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops in the different District of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 29th May 1880.

	No.	District, and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL				
		Western Districts.		
Burdwan Divn.	1	Burdwan, May 29 '80	2·13	Weather—seasonable. Prospects of all crops favorable. Still a few cases of cholera and small-pox.
		Culna ...	3·25	
		Raneegunge ...	0·87	
	2	Bankoora, „ 29 „	1·73	Weather—stormy almost every evening, but hot also. Rain general throughout district and beneficial to *aus* crop and ploughing, as well as to *tetka* and *chali* rice. Very little sickness.
		Bishenpore ...	1·56	
	3	Beerbhoom, „ 29 „	0·13	Weather—hotter the last few days. Cutting of *til* and sowing of *aus* commenced.
	4	Midnapore, „ 29 „	1·81	Weather—seasonable. Ploughing and sowing somewhat retarded by excessive rainfall in some parts of district.
	5	Hooghly, „ 29 „	1·20	Weather—warmer than last week. State and prospects of crops favorable. Ploughing and sowing of *amun* and *haimanti* continue in some places. Cholera in thanas Serampore and Singhoor.
		Howrah „ 31 „	1·96	Weather—cool. State and prospects of crops fair.
		Moheshrekha ..	1·17	
		Central Districts.		
Presidency Divn.	6	24 Pergunnahs, May 29 '80	1·89	Weather—damp and sultry. Prospects of *aus* and jute excellent. Public health good.
	7	Nuddea, „ 29 „	3·05	Weather—warm, cloudy and showery. Prospects of crops favorable
		Kooshtea ...	2·44	
		Meherpore ...	2·28	
		Chooadanga ...	3·84	
		Ranaghat ...	4·56	
		Bongong ...	3·60	
	8	Jessore, „ 29 „	2·07	Weather—hot, though also showery. All crops promise well. Health good.
		Jhenidah ...	1·74	
		Magoorah ...	2·69	
		Narail ...	1·97	
		Khoolna ...	0·86	
		Bagirhat ...	2·63	
	9	Moorshedabad, „ 29 „	1·96	Weather—hot. Prospect of *bhadoi* paddy good. Land being ploughed for next crop. Fever in some thanas of Sudder. Cholera in thana Suti.
	10	Dinagepore, May 28 '80	0·14	Weather—close. Slight rain on three days. Sowings of rice and jute drawing to a close. Price of rice 16 to 22 seers per rupee. Some cases of small-pox in Beergunge.
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar Divn.	11	Rajshahye, „ 29 „	2·29	Weather—cloudy and hot. More or less rain throughout district. Harvesting of *boro dhan* nearly completed. Condition of *amun, aus, til,* and *jute* plants good; in several thanas sowing of *amun* and *aus* still continues. Several cases of cholera reported from thanas Manda and Nattore. Price of rice 16 to 22 seers per rupee.
	12	Rungpore, „ 28 „	3·65	Weather—very uncertain State and prospects of crops continue satisfactory. Public health good for season of year.
		Kurigram ...	4·05	
		Bagdogra ...	7·81	
		Gaibanda ...	1·90	
	13	Bogra, „ 29 „	4·05	Weather—very hot, except immediately after rain. *Boro dhan, til,* and *kaon* being reaped in places. Prospect of jute improved, of *til* not promising, and of *aus dhan* and sugarcane satisfactory. Ploughing for *amun dhan* going on well. General health good except in jungly tracts
	14	Pubna, „ 29 „	1·41	Weather—warm, with rain on four days. All crops doing well.
	15	Darjeeling, „ 29 „	2·2	Rain almost every day during week. In Terai young *bhadoi* and *jamira dhan* looking well. In Hills *bhoota, kaoni* and *sama* promise a good crop. Second flush of tea commenced.
	16	Julpigoree, „ 29 „	5·06	Weather—stormy, with rain during first four days, since then fine, but still unsettled. Crops everywhere doing well. *Haimanti dhan* being sown. General health good, but a few cases of small-pox still reported.
		Cooch Behar, „ 27 „	4·65	Weather—cloudy and rainy at intervals. Late rice being transplanted in some places. Prospects of early rice and jute continue good. Small-pox not yet disappeared.
		Dinhatta ...	6·57	
		Mathabhanga ...	4·17	
		Meckligunge ...	6·73	
		Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Divn.	17	Dacca, May 29 '80	4·98	Weather—seasonable. State and prospects of crops promising Public health good.
		Manickgunge (for week ending 26th May.)	0·40	
		Moonshigunge (for week ending 26th May.)	1·55	
	18	Furreedpore, „ 30 „	0·98	Weather—hot and seasonable. Crops good.
		Madaripore ...	3·30	
	19	Backergunge, „ 27 „	2·61	Weather—cool. Rain on four days. State and propects of crops good.
	20	Mymensingh, „ 28 „	1·98	Weather—hot, with occasional storms. State and prospects of crops good.
	21	Tipperah, „ 28 „	2·87	Weather—unsettled in south and head-quarters. Fair but sultry in north Nearly whole of *aus* and a great part of *amun* sown *Til* and jute doing well. Very little exportation of rice going on.
		Brahmunbaria ..	0·74	

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)				
		Central Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
Rajshahye Dvs.—(*Contd.*)	12	Rajshahye, 11th April 1874.	0·16	There was rain, accompanied with hail, over the greater portion of the district on the 6th and 7th April. The hail of the 6th and 7th did some injury to the standing crops, such as cheena (millet), wheat, and barley in Pooteah and Nattore. In Mandah the boro paddy has been somewhat injured by the want of sufficient moisture and the excessive heat. Insects also have done some damage to the young plants. Rain is wanted for the teel (oil-seed) and jute crops. Prices have risen in some parts of Bagmaree, Mandah, Godagaree, and Bhundaikhara to the extent of 1½ to 3 seers less for the rupee than last week. Cholera cases are numerous in Mandah and Tanore.
	13	Rungpore, 11th „ „	0·67	Rain has been general throughout the district during the early part of the week. It has since become very hot The rain has done much good to the cheena (millet). The weather is favorable for the cultivation of early rice, which is going on extensively. The price of rice has suddenly gone up from Rs. 4 to 6·8 a maund of 90 tolahs weight In the bazars in the immediate neighbourhood of Rungpore, and numerous complaints are made that it is owing to private trade having been paralysed by the employment of the local carriage for transport of Government rice.
	14	Bograh, 11th „ „	3·14	Fine weather. Rain has fallen on the night of the 7th April. Khesaree (pulse) and other cold weather crops are reported as having been reaped in parts of the district with a fair average yield Aus or early rice is being sown in various parts. The late rain has done much good.
	15	Pubna, 11th „ „	1·33	Weather hot. On the 6th April there was a slight shower of rain, and on the 7th a heavy gale of wind passed over the sub-district from the north-east. The harvesting of the cold weather crops has been completed. The outturn of cheena (millet), wheat, and gram has been satisfactory. Indigo looks promising. Some injury has been done to the mango fruit by the gale The jally and boro paddy are progressing well. Sowing of the early and late rice crops in low lands is being continued. General health good. Very few cases of cholera reported from Pubna and Mathoora.
Cooch Behar Dvs.	16	Darjeeling, 11th „ „	2·84	A good deal of rain for this time of the year and very misty weather. Wheat, buck-wheat, and barley in the hills will shortly be gathered in; the loss in the yield is not serious In the plains land is still being prepared for sowing. Common rice was a little cheaper during the week in the Darjeeling Terai.
	17	Julpigoree, 11th „ „	·02	Weather has been cloudy during the week. Westerly wind and cool. In north of the district some rain fell, but towards south little more than a shower. Tobacco is almost all cut now and a good crop. Kownee (millet) looking well, but needs rain The crops now being sown are jute and early rice. In Boda the early rice sowing is delayed for want of rain; the land is so baked and parched with long drought that more rain than usual is needed now for the successful cultivation. Here and there a little paddy seed is sown, and in some low lands has germinated. The state of the people in South Boda is dependant on this crop turning out well, and it is to be hoped rain will soon fall. Rice has fallen in price generally all over the district, and if rain falls will become still cheaper
		Cooch Behar, 11th „ „	0·40	Cool for this time of the year; one or two slight showers Prospects of millet and early rice continue good. Cheena (millet) is ripe in some places.
		Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division.	18	Dacca, 14th* April 1874	0·18	Weather very hot. Prospect of crops good; boro paddy yielding well; still some cholera, chiefly in Moonsheegunge.
	19	Furreedpore, 11th „ „	Nil	Alternately sunny and cloudy during the week and strong winds mostly from the south. At night of Tuesday, the 7th April, a very severe north-wester passed over Furreedpore, lasting about two hours, accompanied by no rain. No spring crops now remain on the ground; the cereals and pulses having been all reaped. Agriculturists busy everywhere sowing early rice and jute on the high lands, and both early and late rice on low lands, which are at present sufficiently moist, and more rain at present would damage the seed in the ground Prospects of all kinds of crops in every way favorable. ·13 inches of rain fell on the evening of the 4th April. Cholera and small-pox have appeared in some of the villages to the south of the station, and inoculation is being had recourse to by the villages; but in some of the uninfected villages measures are being taken to introduce vaccination, wherever the people are willing to accept it.
	20	Backergunge, 4th „ „	Nil	Weather hot. Crop prospects good.
	21	Mymensing, 11th April 1874.	3·36	Rain on two days of the week at the Sudder Station. There was heavy rain on the 8th April throughout the district. The weather since has been cloudy and close with a high temperature, and more rain may be expected. The state and prospects of the crops are very favorable. In the east of the district the boro rice will be ready for cutting in a few days and will be a good crop; in the central pergunnahs the crop will be later, and will not be cut till May, but it promises well; in the north-west of the district, the cheena (millet) crop is now being cut and the outturn is good; in the south-west and in the western pergunnahs the crop will be somewhat later Unless the cheena (millet) and boro rice crops are injured by hail before being harvested, the yield of both cannot fail to be good. Aus or early rice sowings are completed on the eastern pergunnahs, and in some places the young plants are already above ground; in the west of the district sowings are being proceeded with.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)				
		Eastern Districts.—(Contd.)		
Dacca Divn.—(*Contd.*)	22	Sylhet, 4th April 1874	4·15	Severe storms at night, close in the day and towards evening during the first half of the week. Cloudy and cool during the day since Thursday, the 2nd April. There was a slight fall of hail in the station, and severe hailstorm in parts of the district on Tuesday night, the 31st March. Weather still unsettled. Sowing of the (aus) early and (amun) late rice crops progressing more favorably than could have been expected. If the heavy rains of this week continue for another fortnight, the boro rice crop will be almost entirely destroyed, and the early and late rice cultivation thrown back. About 5,500 maunds of rice and 13,000 maunds of paddy exported. Present weather very favorable for tea. The river has fallen three feet. Health of the district good.
	23	Chittagong, 4th April 1874.	·57	Fine, with fresh south-west breeze. Some rain has fallen. Ploughing for the aus or early rice is going on. Some more rain would be beneficial.
Chittagong Divn.	24	Noakhally, 4th April 1874.	Nil	Weather clear, strong south winds blowing every day. The moong (pulse), chilly and sesamum (oil-seed) crops are getting on well. Beginnings have been made for the cultivation of the early rice.
	25	Tipperah, 11th April 1874	1·08	Rain all over the district on 4th and 5th April. High winds from south. Weather cool. Prospects of boro rice crop still continue excellent. Cold weather crops have yielded a fair outturn. Small-pox and cholera still slightly prevalent.
	26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 4th April 1874.	·17	Slight fall of rain on the 2nd April 1874. The weather is seasonable. The tobacco crop is still being gathered; joom-cutting is progressing. In other years the burning of jooms begins about the first week of April, but this year there will be some delay owing to the falls of rain during the last month.
	26*a*	Hill Tipperah, 4th April 1874.	3·99	The first part of the week was hot and dry. There was rain on the night of the 1st and on the evenings of the 2nd and 3rd April. No change since last return. The rain has facilitated the preparation of the land for sowing.
	27	Patna, 13th* April 1874	Nil	Weather seasonable and very hot for the last two or three days. All the cold weather crops have been now cut, and there is little on the ground except patches of cheena, where water is procurable. The health of the district is generally good, but the number of small-pox cases in the city increasing, and some cases have been reported from Monair to the west of Dinapore.
BEHAR.				
Patna Division.	28	Gya, 11th April 1874	Nil	Fine weather. The harvest of the cold weather crops has almost all been gathered in. The outturn is satisfactory. Small-pox has broken out in several villages. The health of the people otherwise good.
	29	Shahabad, 11th „ „	Nil	Clear and hot east wind prevailing. The cold weather crops have been harvested, and have yielded a fair outturn. Cheena (millet) is being cut. Small-pox still prevalent.
	30	Tirhoot, 11th „ „	Nil	Hot, with west wind. In the Mudhoobani sub-division the outturn of rahur (pulse) is reported about two annas. In the Durbhangah sub-division the prospect of the cheena (millet) and moong (pulse) crops are unsatisfactory. Rain is much wanted for both these crops and to permit of the ground being prepared for the paddy sowings In the Sitamarhee sub-division the rahur (pulse) crop has been successful; about ¾ has been reaped; want of rain is injuring the cheena (millet), which has been dried in many places. Rain is much needed for paddy cultivation. Mango is hopeful. In the Hajeepore sub-division the crops, especially at Mehnor, have given a good outturn. There is no material change in crops in the Sudder and Tajpore sub-divisions.
	31	Sarun, 11th „ „	Nil	Clear throughout and hot; wind variable both east and west. The cold weather crop is almost all harvested, threshed, and stocked. The produce has been fair so far as it goes. The spring crops, such as cheena (millet), moong (pulse), &c., are still doing well, but are much in want of rain, without which a good outturn cannot be expected. Indigo prospects bad; plants are sickly and withering away for want of moisture. Mango crop so far as remaining promises well. Prices steady.
	32	Chumparun, 11th „ „	Nil	East and west winds. The cold weather crops are still being harvested. The cheena (millet) is being scorched up, and will be a failure without rain. Indigo prospects bad; the mango blossoms are said to be withering. Price of rice rising. Small-pox prevailing in places.
	33	Monghyr, 11th „ „	Nil	Set fair, west winds. The cold weather crops have nearly all been harvested and the return good. Mohwa crop good; mango crop will probably only be four annas crop.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
Bhagulpore Div. 34	Bhagulpore, 14th* April 1874.	Nil	East winds. Rain fell on the 7th April in the east of Coosy and round Nathpore. Rain necessary before end of April. Mango crops reported failing in many places. General health very good.
Bhagulpore Div. 35	Purneah, 11th April 1874.	Nil	The weather has up to the 11th April been dull and close with east wind; since then hot west wind. Rain has fallen in Arrareah, Kishengunge, and Bulrampore, but none in the Sudder, where it is much wanted for the rice which has been sown and to enable further sowing to go on. Prices rising.
Bhagulpore Div. 36	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 11th April 1874.	Nil	A slight fall of rain and hail is reported from Juljhari and Rajmehal; nothing of the kind anywhere else. Days and nights both hot. The important crop just now is mohwa; it has everywhere proved much better than was expected, and in places it is an unusually good crop The east wind chiefly prevail during the night, and west winds in the day are just what is wanted for it. This addition to the food-supply of the district is a very sensible one.
Bhagulpore Div. 37	Cuttack	.....	Return not received.
ORISSA.			
Orissa Division 38	Pooree, 4th April 1874	Nil	Moderately hot, with southern wind and cool nights. Moong (pulse) is being gathered with a fair outturn. Dalua rice crop is being reaped with a good outturn Cotton is doing well. Castor-seed is being gathered with a fair out-turn. Mango crop, though not abundant, is doing well. Agricultural operations for the early and late crops are progressing well, and sugarcane is being planted. Purchases of rice for export continue on a moderate scale, and prices are station-ary. Public health generally good.
Orissa Division 39	Balasore, 11th April 1874	Nil	Dry and hot, with high wind. Ploughing in progress. The dalua rice is being cut. Cholera and small-pox have subsided.
Orissa Division 40	Hazareebagh, 11th „ „	Nil	Hot wind blowing steadily. The cold weather crops have been harvested, and the dry weather has proved most beneficial to the mohwa. The mohwa crop will be a very fair crop now, and the mango is well reported from most parts, as also the jungle fruit. Pressure is reported from Gawan, but on the whole prospects have improved. Prices remain stationary at head-quarters; but on the Grand Trunk Road in consequence of the importation of Government rice, though none has been sold, prices have fallen. There is more confidence among the people. General health is good, but cases of small-pox are reported scattered throughout the district. No cattle disease reported this year as yet.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
41	Lohardugga, 11th April 1874.	Nil	Dry and hot, with warm winds. The cold weather crops are now nearly all cut, and are being thrashed out. Outturn fair as far as is known at present. In Palamow there is a small area of cheena (millet) on the ground, and sugarcane planting is going on. The mohwa crop is a splendid one both in Palamow and Toree pergunnah, where it was most wanted. In the latter place it is now selling at 1¼ maunds per rupee. Small-pox rather prevalent in parts, otherwise the general health is good. Prices much the same.
42	Singbhoom, 4th April 1874.	Nil	Hot and dry weather. Nothing to add to last week's return. Cholera still reported from Dhalbhoom.
43	Manbhoom, 11th April 1874.	Nil	Hot and seasonable. There are no crops on the ground except sugarcane, which is being planted, but the mohwa flowers are falling freely and being gathered up. The trees are plentiful in the north and south of the district, but scarce in the centre, especially in the Rughoonathpore Moonsiff's circle, where not much food will be obtained from them. In some places the people are living entirely on mohwa, which is causing some sickness. When mixed with rice it does not prove injurious, but eaten alone or in too great quantities or insuffi-ciently cooked, it produces indigestion, bowel diseases, and dysentery. Ploughing has ceased and cannot be resumed unless rain falls. General health good.

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 11th April 1874.

Rainfall, Weather and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 18th April 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 21st* April 1874.	Nil	Weather hot and dry. Wheat and barley have been reaped and have yielded a good outturn in Raneegunge, but not so good in Cutwa. The only crops now on the ground are teel (oil-seed), which has been extensively cultivated this year, cotton and vegetables. Rain is much wanted for these crops, and to soften the ground for the sowing of the aus or early rice, which usually begins a week hence. Cholera and small-pox in Cutwa and Culna. Fever as before.
2	Bankoora, 18th „ „	Nil	Hot and dry. Rain is wanted for the cotton and teel (oil-seed) now growing.
3	Beerbhoom, 18th „ „	Nil	Very hot, with west winds. No material change in the prospects of crops since last return. Rain much wanted for early rice, indigo, and all growing crops. Exportation by rail for week ending 11th April, chiefly to Bhagulpore and Patna Divisions, 4,765 maunds. Prices rising.
4	Midnapore, 18th „ „	.....	Fine and hot, with high winds. Rain would much benefit the crops on the ground, but they are doing pretty well at present.
5	Hooghly, 18th „ „	Nil	Clear throughout; very hot and stormy. Boro and jolla paddy, and teel (oil-seed), on the ground. Grounds prepared for early rice cultivation.
	Howrah, 18th „ „	.....	Days hot, nights cool and breezy. There are signs of rain now coming on. Some of the boro rice is already ripe, and the crop promises very well. Rain is much wanted to enable the ryots to prepare their lands for the aous or early rice crop, and also for such boro rice as is still young, or has been grown on land unusually high for such crops.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 21st† April 1874.	Nil	Very hot, with strong winds from the south and south-west. Rain is very much needed to enable cultivators to sow the early rice. The few vegetables on the ground are suffering for want of moisture. Cholera still continues in thanas Mothoorapore, Bankipore, Joynagore, Busseerhat, Kalaroa, Satkhira, and Barrackpore: three cases of small-pox also reported from the latter place.
7	Nuddea, 18th April 1874	.....	Exceedingly hot; rain is now required for indigo, as well as to enable the early rice sowings to take place. Upon the whole, the season has thus far been favorable for cultivation, and the Collector has heard that the land has never been known to be better cultivated The price of coarse rice ranges from Rs. 2-3 to Rs. 3 per maund. The average is about Rs 2-10. Cholera is doing usual mischief in parts of the district.
8	Jessore, 18th „ „	Nil	Clear, hot, and dry. The boro rice harvest is in progress, and the dry weather is favorable to it; but rain is now everywhere anxiously asked for on account of the sowing of the ordinary crops.
RAJSHAHYE DIVISION. 9	Moorshedabad, 18th „ „	Nil	The weather is getting hotter and hotter every day. Hot dry winds throughout the week during the day. The boro paddy, mulberry, and indigo crops are suffering much from want of rain, which is also required for the preparation of land for early rice sowings. Cholera is on the increase and spreading. Prices seem to be stationary.
10	Dinagepore, 18th „ „	Nil	Rain has fallen in many places in the interior of the district. The bhadoi or early rice crop still promises well; the late rains have enabled the ryots to finish all early sowings on light soils. Jute cultivation is being pushed on. The boro rice is doing well; the late rains having prevented further damage by insects, which were beginning to appear.
11	Maldah, 18th „ „	Nil	Hot and dry. Strong westerly wind all day. Boro paddy promises well. Early rice sowings commenced; a shower of rain would materially assist both these crops. Prices stationary. Health of the district generally good. A few cases of small-pox and fever reported.
12	Rajshahye, 18th „ „	Nil	No rain during the week. The heat has been excessive, and unless rain falls soon, the outturn of the boro paddy will probably be diminished. Sugarcane, teel (oil-seed), and the young plants of the amun or late rice, which have been sown in beels and low lands, are still doing well; but a fall of rain would be highly beneficial. Prices have fluctuated slightly. Cholera is very prevalent in many parts of the district, notably at Tanore, Manda, and in the town of Beauleah.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
Rajshahye Divn.—(*Contd.*) 13	Rungpore	.....	Return not received.
14	Bograh, 18th April 1874	Nil	Dry and seasonable. The prospects of the aous (early) rice crop are good. The cutting of the sugarcane has been nearly completed. A decidedly good outturn will result.
15	Pubna, 18th „ „	Nil	Weather very hot. No rain during the week. The harvesting of the cheena (millet), wheat, and gram has been completed. Teel (oil-seed) and kawn (millet) look promising. Jolla and boro paddy are suffering from want of rain. The prospects of indigo, sugarcane, and mango are good. Early and late rice (aous and amun) are being sown in low lands, but rain is wanted to enable the ryots to do so on high lands. Price of rice stationary. Cholera has appeared in Berah, Maldah, Urrankalla, and Muthoora.
Cooch Behar Divn. 16	Darjeeling, 18th „ „	0·70	Getting warmer, with rather strong winds. In the plains the janerah or early rice crop is progressing favorably. Land is being prepared for the bhadoi (early) rice and has partially been sown. The young pât or jute cultivation is getting on well. In the hills wheat and barley have mostly been gathered in. The young bhoota (Indian-corn) is coming up, and if the present rain becomes a little extended the yield, it is expected, will be very good.
17	Julpigoree, 18th „ „	2·24	Cloudy; and smart showers. This has been most beneficial to the bhadoi (early) planting and also good for the kawn (millet). Kawn is more largely cultivated than usual, and promises well. About double the usual quantity of land is cultivated with bhadoi being got ready this year. In some places the bhadoi (early) rice is well above ground; in others it has only just been sown or is about to be so. In the north of the district and in Dooars price of rice falls; in South Boda it rises. The late rain should lower prices everywhere.
	Cooch Behar, 18th „ „	4·20	Sultry and cloudy, with several thunder-storms. A severe gale on Wednesday morning. Cheena (millet) is being cut in some places. The prospects of the early rice continue good.
	Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division 18	Dacca, 21st* April 1874	Nil	Weather very hot and dry; prospect of crops on ground good; rain wanted for sowings.
19	Furreedpore, 18th „ „	Nil	Clear, sunny, and very windy throughout the week. Days hot and oppressive, but nights cool. No change in the prospects of the crops since last week. Rain much wanted for the high lands. Cholera still prevalent towards the south of the district in the direction of Muxudpore station. Cattle disease is also reported from the same locality; there is small-pox in places, spread principally by inoculation.
20	Backergunge, 11th „ „	·35	Weather hot; some rain has fallen; prospects of crops good.
21	Mymensing, 18th April 1874.	Nil	Weather generally hot and close, but occasionally high winds from south and south-east. No rain in any part of the district. Millet and early rice crops are being cut, and the outturn is a good one. Sowing of aus (early) rice is still going on in some backward parts of the district. Prospects are generally good.
22	Sylhet, 11th April 1874	10·18	Weather very cool for this time of the year; storms nearly every night. Heavy rains. Late rice sowings stopped on account of the rains. Early rice sowings progressing. No further injury to the boro rice crop. There seems to be every sign of dry weather setting in; if so, the late rice sowings will be pushed on. The health of the district is good. About 7,500 maunds of rice and 4,000 maunds of paddy exported.
Chittagong Division 23	Chittagong, 11th April 1874.	Few drops of rain.	A little rain fell on the 5th and 6th April; otherwise the weather has been hot, with a good deal of wind at times. Ploughing for the early crops continues, and the sowing of *paniya* or irrigated early rice has commenced in some places.
24	Noakhally, 11th April 1874.	0·04	Cloudy on the 5th and 6th April; rest of the week fair. Weather getting hot. Preparations for the early rice are being made everywhere, and sowing has commenced in most places. The pulses are doing well.
25	Tipperah, 18th April 1874	Nil	Clear and hot; strong wind from south. No rain; harvesting of the boro rice crop has commenced; sugarcane is still being gathered. Prospects of all crops good. Amun (late) and aus (early) rice being sown. Cholera and small-pox slightly prevalent.
26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 11th April 1874.	·60	Cool at night and in the mornings; hot at noon; some rain has fallen. Joom-cutting is nearly finished. The hillmen have begun to burn their jooms here and there. Tobacco is still being gathered.
26a	Hill Tipperah, 11th April 1874	0·59	Very hot. Heavy rain on the morning of the 6th and night of the 7th April. No change to report. The land is being prepared for the early rice sowings in the plains under the hills. The jungles in the hills are being burnt, and the joom will be soon ready for sowing. No sickness about.

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BEHAR.				
Patna Division.	27	Patna, 20th* April 1874	Nil	Weather seasonable, with strong west winds. The cold weather crops have now been all reaped and gathered, and there is nothing on the ground except cotton, cheena (millet), and sugarcane in small quantities. Small-pox is spreading, and is not now confined to the city; a few cases of cholera have been also reported.
	28	Gya, 18th „ „	Nil	Fine weather. Harvest of the cold weather crops completed. Rain would be acceptable, but not absolutely necessary. Small-pox prevalent.
	29	Shahabad, 18th „ „	Nil	Hot, with strong west wind. The cold weather crops have all been harvested. Cheena (millet) in the ground in places. Sugarcane and vegetables have been sown. Small-pox still prevalent.
	30	Tirhoot, 18th „ „	Nil	Seasonably hot. Westerly wind prevailing. In the Seetamurhee sub-division the cold weather crop is harvested. The mango blossoms are being scorched, and have suffered from recent high wind. Moong (pulse), cheena and kawn (millets) suffer from drought; one good shower might yet enable the ryot to have a 4-anna crop. Rain is reported to have fallen at Bela outpost on frontier, and thunder-storm at Seetamurhee on 14th instant. The sub-divisional officer of Durbhunga states that there was no rain during the fortnight; though the cheena and moong are hardy crops, he has grave doubts regarding their ever coming to anything. The sub-divisional officer of Hajeepore reports that the low chour rice is fair, the moong (pulse) has failed to a great extent in the north part of his sub-division, and rain is very much required. There is no material change in the prospect of the rest of the sub-divisions.
	31	Sarun, 18th „ „	Nil	Clear throughout and hot west wind prevailing. Indigo prospects bad; the plants are sickly and withering away for want of moisture. The continued drought and west winds are affecting the crops injuriously. Cheena (millet), sugarcane, and moong (pulse) are doing well where irrigation is practicable. Rain much wanted for the crops and to permit of the ground being prepared for the paddy sowings. Numbers of mangoes blown down by the high west wind. Prices of barley, Indian-corn, and gram have slightly fallen.
	32	Chumparun, 18th „ „	Nil	East and west winds; weather very hot. Prospects much the same, except that the cheena (millet), where not irrigated, has failed. Strong west winds have prevailed, which have dried up this crop and damaged the mango also. Small-pox still continues.
Bhagulpore Divn.	33	Monghyr, 18th „ „	Nil	High west winds. The cold weather crop is all cut, and is being winnowed with the aid of the high wind. A good mohwa crop is being gathered. The mango crop will be a poor one. Rain is much wanted for early rice sowings.
	34	Bhagulpore, 21st April 1874	Nil	Weather hot; strong west winds; good rain in Simrah circle on 15th April. Low land paddy so far promising well. General health good.
	35	Purneah, 18th April 1874	Nil	Hot west winds, seasonable weather. There has been a little rain in Arrareah, but it is very much wanted all over the other parts of the district both for the crops and for the cattle. The quantity of land sown is said to be above the average in many parts; it is certainly not below it. Considering the great drought, it is coming up well. Prices are rising slightly in the city, but have fallen towards the south and south-east.
	36	Southal Pergunnahs, 18th April 1874.	Nil	Hot winds blowing very constantly from west by day, with easterly winds at night Mohwa crop excellent everywhere. It is the chief crop coming in now. Many villages will get up to 100 maunds of flowers. Mangoes nowhere good except in Rajmehal. Fine promise spoilt by hail Sugarcane cultivation going on in Deogurh. Cheena (millet) wants rain badly in Godda. Murrowa (millet) coming up well in Deoghur. No cold weather crops of any kind in Doomka. Boro paddy doing well in Rajmehal.
Orissa Division.	37	Cuttack 21st† „ „	.....	Weather very hot; evenings cloudy but no rain. Dalua rice has ripened. Public health good.
	38	Pooree, 11th April 1874	Nil	Days moderately hot, with cool nights and southern wind Moong (pulse) is being gathered with a fair outturn. Dalua rice crop is being reaped, with a good outturn; one-fourth portion has been harvested. Cotton is doing well. Mango thriving. Agricultural operations for ensuing cultivation of crops are proceeding well, and sugarcane is being planted. Purchases of rice for export continues on a reduced scale, and prices are slightly lower than before. Public health is generally good.
	39	Balasore, 18th April 1874	Nil	Weather continues dry and hot, with high wind. Manuring of the land for the next season's crop in progress. Ploughing checked by absence of rain; the harvesting of the dalua rice still continues.

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CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazareebagh, 18th April 1874.	Nil	Hot gales all day. Nothing to add to the information given last week. The mohwa is still falling, and the physical condition of the poor of those parts, where prices were previously very high and food short, has greatly improved. Mohwa will continue in the hands of the poor for about three months more.
41	Lohardugga, 18th April 1874.	Nil	Dry and hot by day, but nights are still cool. No crops on the ground. The mohwa harvest is going on and affords immense relief, especially in the more distressed parts of the district. A few cases of small-pox still occur in different parts of the district, but the general health is good.
42	Singbhoom, 11th April 1874.	Nil	Weather hot and dry. Nothing to add to last week's report. Weather fiercely hot; still a few cases of cholera reported from Dhalbhoom.
43	Manbhoom, 18th April 1874.	Nil	Clear and hot; strong westerly winds. The mohwa is still falling, and the April crop of lac is being gathered, which will enable many of the poorer classes to procure food. Seed-paddy is being consumed largely, and distress is reported from places where it was least expected, but no deaths have yet occurred from actual starvation. Measles, fever, and small-pox reported in several places.

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Rainfall, Weather and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 25th April 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 28th* April 1874.	1·69	No rain reported from any of the sub-divisions except Bood-bood, but heavy rain and hail have fallen in Mungleoote and Ketoogram. The cotton and teel (oil-seed) crops want rain. Cholera and small-pox at Cutwa and Culna. Fever as before.
2	Bankoora, 25th „ „	0·01	There was some rain in the south-east of the district. Dust-storms have been frequent. Where the rain fell, the crops have benefited; elsewhere rain is much wanted. Water is scarce in some parts.
3	Beerbhoom, 25th „ „	Nil	Very hot, with high changeable winds; some appearance of approaching rain. No change in the prospects of crops since last report. Rain much wanted; the drought is unfavorably affecting the silk manufacture. Exportation for week ending 18th April, 2,945½ maunds to Bhagulpore and Patna Divisions. Prices rising
4	Midnapore, 25th „ „	Few drops on 20th, 21st, and 24th April.	Changeable winds; threatening showers which have kept off rain is now much wanted. Mulberry has already suffered much. Indigo and teel (oil-seed) will suffer if the dry weather continues; about 10 per cent. of the boro rice is reported as withered from want of water, the rivers being so low that they have failed to irrigate all the lands sown in reliance on them.
5	Hooghly, 25th „ „	Nil	Clear throughout; very hot and stormy. Boro and jalla paddy and teel (oil-seed) in the ground. Grounds prepared for aous (early) rice cultivation.
	Howrah, 25th „ „	.....	High winds, cloudy evenings, and rain constantly threatening. The want of rain is beginning to be much felt. There is enough water for irrigating the boro rice fields, but not for preparing the land for the early rice crop. The early rice crop of the district is never a large or important one.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 28th† April 1874.	0·25	Days very hot, nights cool; clouds gather in the afternoon, but are dispersed by strong winds from the south. A few drops of rain fell in some sub-divisions during the week, but not enough to do any good. Rain very much needed for the commencement of the early rice sowings and to replenish the tanks. Cholera still prevailing in Busseerhat, Kaligunge, Kalarou, Protabnugur, and Barripore. It has abated in Joynuggur, Satkhira, and Mathoorapore, and disappeared from Diamond Harbour and Bankipore. One case of small-pox reported from thana Kularou.
7	Nudden, 25th April 1874	0·70	Very hot and oppressive, storms only partial. A tolerable fall of rain at Kooshtea and in the north of Meherpore is reported, but rain is required all over the district. The price of rice is pretty nearly stationary. The coarsest can be had almost everywhere for Rs. 2-10 or Rs. 2-12 per maund, and in many places for less. Cholera has not abated, but is doing much mischief.
8	Jessore, 25th „ „	0·05	Mostly clear, with occasional thunder-clouds, but little rain. Teel (oil-seed) is suffering from want of rain, and the sowing of the rice crop is retarded from the same cause. Prices have risen slightly during the week.
RAJSHAHYE DIVISION. 9	Moorshedabad, 25th „ „	Nil	Intensely hot; frequent dust-storms; a slight rainfall at Rampore Haut, Gowas, Nowadah, and Jelinghee, on the 21st April, and a hail-storm of considerable violence on the same day in the Bhugwangolah thana, causing considerable injuries to mangoes. Rain is greatly wanted both for the crops and for replenishing the water-supply, which is at present very much reduced. Boro paddy has been injured by the drought, as many of the beels in which it has been cultivated have dried up to a considerable extent. The aous or early rice seedlings in the low lands are still looking well, but cultivation in the higher lands is delayed for want of rain. Prices have risen in many markets from ½ to 1 seer for common rice. Small-pox and cholera are still prevalent, but not in a virulent form. The district relief committee has supplied medicines to several persons in the mofussil to dispense to sufferers. Subsequent telegram reports a fall of 2·3 inches of rain on night of the 26th, which will be very beneficial.
10	Dinagepore, 25th „ „	Nil	Cloudy and close; one day west wind in station. Boro rice still promises to be a good crop; the bhadoi or early rice is said to be suffering from want of rain. What rain fell has been quickly absorbed.
11	Maldah, 25th „ „	Nil	Weather very hot; strong westerly winds; dust-storm, thunder, and slight drizzling rain on the evening of Saturday. Boro paddy promises well; in most places ears have come out, and are in good condition. Bhadoi or early sowings are going on, and in some places plants have come out. A shower of rain would materially assist both these crops. Prices have slightly risen. Health of the district generally good.

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No	District, and date of return				Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date
BENGAL —(*Continued*)						
	Eastern Districts —(Continued.)					
Chittagong Divn.	22	Chittagong	June 22	'80	13·45	Weather—rainy and cloudy. Heavy rain at Cox's Bazar. State and prospects of crops generally favourable. Cattle disease in some parts.
	23	Noakholly,	„ 17	„	14·43	Heavy rain. Weather cool. Early rice very forward. Plenty of water.
	24	Chittagong Hill Tracts		...	.....	Report not received.
		Hill Tipperah	„ 16	„	8 27	Weather—rainy. Sowing of *satia* paddy finished. Public health good.
BEHAR.						
Patna Divn.	25	Patna,	June 19	'80	6·31	Weather—seasonable. Heavy rain on 15th. Prospects of crops favourable.
		Barrh		...	0·16	
	26	Gya,	„ 19	„	2·55	Weather—hot and cloudy Maximum reading in shade 106°. Sowing commenced Public health generally good.
		Nowada		..	2·8	
		Jehanabad		...	1·98	
	27	Shahabad,	„ 19	„	3·91	Rain believed to have been general. More expected. Early rain is of much use for preparing soil for ploughing and sowing. Prices stationary. General health good.
	28	Durbhunga,	„ 19	„	0·90	Weather—hot and cloudy. Sowing of *bhadoi* crop and paddy in progress. Outturn of *moong* good. Prices stationary. ome fever at head-quarters.
	29	Mozufferpore,	„ 19	„	0 97	Weather- cool and cloudy. Rice and *bhadoi* crops being sown. Rice seedlings
		Hajeepore		...	4·09	nearly ready for planting out.
		Seetamarhee		..	1·81	
	30	Sarun,	„ 19	„	6·91	Weather—hot and cloudy; east wind prevailing. Rain general throughout district. Preparations for sowing *bhadoi* crops begun. Prospects generally favourable
		Sewan		...	2·72	
	31	Chumparun,	„ 19	„	2·4	Weather—seasonable. State and prospects of crops very good.
Bhagulpore Divn.	32	Monghyr,	June 19	'80	0·78	Slight rain at Monghyr; heavier rain in interior, both north and south. Ploughing going on briskly. In some parts *bhadoi* paddy sown and germinated. River rising rapidly. Public health good.
		Begoosenai		..	4·58	
		Jamui		...	4·74	
	33	Bhagulpore,	„ 19	„	0·41	Weather—cloudy and sultry. Sowing progressing favourably. Indigo prospects good.
	34	Purneah,	„ 19	„	5·44	Constant rain and cloudy weather. In consequence of continual cloudy weather
		Kissengunge		...	18·77	and heavy rain in north of district, prospects begin to look gloomy.
		Arrareah		...	8·41	
	35	Maldah,	„ 19	„	2·90	Weather—very close and oppressive. Heavy rain in first part of week. Condition and prospect of paddy very good. Prices of food-grains stationary. Public health fair.
	36	Sonthal Perghs,	„ 19	„	4·71	Excessive and unseasonable moist heat. State and prospects of crops good.
		Deoghur		...	5·40	
		Godda		...	1·22	
		Rajmehal		...	5·30	
		Jamtara		...	6·08	
		Pakour		..	2·05	
ORISSA.						
Orissa Divn	37	Cuttack		...	.....	Report not received.
	38	Pooree,	June 17	„	3·93	Weather—seasonable. Sowing of late rice still going on in some places.
		Khoorda		...	1·04	Elsewhere weeding of early rice commenced. *Arhar* and sessamum being sown. Price of common rice stationary. Public health good
	39	Balasore	„ 18	„	0 70	Little rain has fallen and heat much increased. Ploughing and sowing going on. Public health good.
CHOTA NAGPORE.						
		South-West Frontier Agency.				
	40	Hazareebagh,	June 18	'80	3·46	Weather—rainy during early part of week, but during latter part hot and dry. Ploughing and sowing continue. General health good. Food-grains cheap.
	41	Lohardugga,	„ 19	„	1·41	Weather—showery at commencement, and fine at close of week. A good deal of upland sown and crops look promising. Cholera cases still reported from Palamow, and small-pox all over district; otherwise public health good.
	42	Singbhoom,	„ 18	„	1·53	Weather—sultry and unsettled; latterly bright and hot. Break in rains favourable for agricultural operations. Public health good.
	43	Manbhoom,	„ 19	„	2·12	Weather—unsettled, with heavy rain till 16th. Since then getting very hot.
		Govindpore		...	4·57	Ploughing and sowing actively progressing. Sugarcane promises well. Public health good.

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No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Eastern Districts.—(Contd.)		
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 23	Chittagong, 18th April 1874.	Nil	Hot and hazy. Sowing of the early aous rice reported to have commenced in some places. A quantity of ground has been ploughed up, and rain is now wanted. Cholera reported from the central thanas and Cox's Bazar.
24	Noakhally, 18th „ „	.....	Mornings cloudy, days fair, with strong south and south-easterly wind. Injuries from the rains to the moong (pulse), sessumum (oil-seed), and chilly crops are reported from several places. The sowing of the early rice is still in progress.
25	Tipperah, 25th „ „	Nil	Cloudy and hot, high winds from south; slight rain in west of the district. Spring crops good; aous and amun, or early and late rice sown, want rain much. Cholera and small-pox still slightly prevalent.
26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 18th April 1874.	Nil	Hot at noon, cool and pleasing in the morning; east and west winds. The hillmen are busily engaged in burning their jooms. Tobacco is still being gathered.
	Hill Tipperah, 18th April 1874	Nil	Very hot and dry; often foggy in the mornings. No change to report. Ploughing going on under the hills; jungles being burnt all round in the hills for jooms.
BEHAR.			
PATNA DIVISION. 27	Patna, 27th* April 1874	Nil	Weather seasonable; strong wind from the west during the early part of week, but from the east for last two days. No crops on the ground besides sugarcane and cheena (millet). Small-pox continues in the city, and in some few places in the mofussil.
28	Gya, 25th „ „	Nil	Hot and fine. Rain required. Cold weather crops harvested. Outturn of opium remarkably good.
29	Shahabad, 25th „ „	Nil	West wind prevailing. Weather very close, at times threatening rain. No change since last week; cheena (millet) being cut. The mango crop promises to be a good one. In the Buxar Sub-division the boro rice crop is reported favorably on. The quantity grown is, however, small. Small-pox very general, but not of a severe type.
30	Tirhoot, 25th „ „	Nil	Seasonable and hot, west wind prevailing. Tajpore sub-division—Rain is very much wanted for the moong (pulse) and cheena and kowni (millets); up lands are being prepared for the bhadoi or early crops; the greater part of the low lands has been sown in this sub-division; what paddy has germinated is standing the west wind pretty well, but there is much seed yet to germinate. No change in the mango crop. Tobacco still hangs on hand. In the Mudhoobunnee and Durbhunga sub-divisions rain is much wanted for early sowings of paddy crop. In the Seetamurhee sub-division there is no material change in the state of the crops since last report; weather unfavorable for crops on the ground. Price of rice at Seetamurhee bazar 8 seers per rupee, in other places 9 seers. There is no material change in the prospect of the Hajeepore and sudder sub-divisions. Public health good.
31	Sarun, 25th „ „	Nil	Clear, hot, and dry, with strong west winds. The cold weather crops have now been all reaped and gathered, and there is nothing on the ground except cotton, cheena (millet), moong (pulse), sugarcane, and indigo. The continued drought and west winds are affecting the crops injuriously. One good shower of rain might yet change the prospects for better, and enable the cultivators to prepare the lands for paddy sowings. Mango crop also has suffered from recent high winds. Prices on the whole steady.
32	Chumparun, 25th „ „	Nil	East and west hot winds. The cold weather crops are almost all harvested. Unirrigated cheena (millet) dried up; indigo prospects unfavorable; lands being prepared for mokai (Indian-corn); rain much wanted.
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 33	Monghyr, 25th „ „	Nil	Set fair. The crops on the ground, cheena (millet) and moong (pulse), occupy a small fraction of the cultivated area; except where irrigated, they are much in want of rain. The mango crop will be a poor one.
34	Bhagulpore ...	.....	Return not received.
35	Purneah, 25th „ „	Nil	Very hot and dry, though the wind is in the east. Except in the north, rain is much wanted; for want of it the sowing of the rice has been stopped. The outturn of the kowni and cheena (millets) is not so good as was expected. The moong (pulse) and indigo both scorched up. Cattle also suffering from want of water. More than one inch and half of rain fell on the night of the 27th April since telegraphed. It has done much good; weather still stormy.
36	Sontaal Pergunnahs, 25th April 1874.	Nil	Heat very great during the day, but clouds collect with an east wind at night. Expectations of rain are constantly disappointed. Mohwa almost all gathered in. Rain is much wanted everywhere. Mango nowhere good.

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 19th June 1880.

No	District, and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
	BENGAL —(*Continued*)		
	Eastern Districts —(Continued.)		
Chittagong Divn. 23	Chittagong June 29 '80	0·92	Weather—variable. Prospects of crops good. Prices stationary. Cattle-disease continues.
Chittagong Divn. 23	Noakholly, „ 24 „	4·86	Three or four days comparatively dry, followed by heavy rain. Rice continues to do well. Some cases of small-pox.
Chittagong Divn. 24	Chittagong Hill Tracts „ 22 „	10·95	Very heavy rain during early part of week. Paddy, cotton and Indian-corn in jûms doing well. Prospects fairly good. Lands being ploughed for late rice. Fever very prevalent.
Chittagong Divn.	Hill Tipperah. „ 23 „	1·72	Weather—cool. *Sathi* paddy germinating. Late rice being sown. Public health good.
	BEHAR.		
Patna Divn. 25	Patna, June 26 '80	0·68	Weather—seasonable. Sowing of autumn crops and paddy in progress.
	Barrh ...	Nil	
	Behar ...	0·01	
	Dinapore ...	0·23	
Patna Divn. 26	Gya, „ 26 „	0·88	Weather—cloudy and sunshine. Maximum reading in shade 105·5°. Paddy being sown in places. Rain wanted. Public health generally good.
Patna Divn. 27	Shahabad. „ 26 „	0·24	Weather—cloudy and warm. Prospects of sugarcane and indigo continue good. *Cheena* has done well. Cholera in a mild form in certain isolated villages.
Patna Divn. 28	Durbhunga, „ 26 „	3·46	Weather—cloudy, with easterly wind. Sowing of autumn crops and paddy still in progress; both coming up well. Indigo manufacture commenced. Some fever at head-quarters, and cholera reported on Nepal frontier.
Patna Divn. 29	Mozufferpore, „ 26 „	1·97	Weather—cool and cloudy. Transplanting of rice seedlings and *murwa* commenced. Maize and *sathi* rice being sown. Prospects satisfactory. Public health good.
	Hajeepore ...	0·30	
	Seetamarhee ...	1·10	
Patna Divn. 30	Sarun, „ 26 „	1·48	Weather—hot and cloudy. Rain general. Ploughing and sowing going on briskly. Prospects generally good.
	Sewan ...	1·87	
Patna Divn. 31	Chumparun, „ 26 „	0·26	Weather—seasonable. State and prospects of crops very good. Sowing of autumn crops commenced. Cholera abating gradually.
Bhagulpore Divn. 32	Monghyr, June 26 '80	1·58	Weather—hot. Heavy rain on night of 24th Sowings fast progressing. *Makai* beginning to appear above ground Mango has been a good crop. Indigo manufacture commenced with good prospects.
	Begoosarai ...	0·11	
	Jamui ..	Nil	
Bhagulpore Divn. 33	Bhagulpore, „ 26 „	0·62	Weather—showery, easterly winds, cloudy, hot sun. Ploughing and sowing going on rapidly. Indigo manufacture commenced. Sugarcane promising. Indian-corn growing well. Public health good.
Bhagulpore Divn. 34	Purneah, „ 26 „	1·34	Heavy showers daily. Sun at intervals. Some damage done to autumn crops. Prospects of jute and winter rice good.
	Arrareah ...	3·60	
Bhagulpore Divn. 35	Maldah, „ 26 „	1·53	Weather—sultry, but tempered by easterly breeze and daily rain latterly. Autumn crops, late rice, and *makai* thriving. Common rice 17 seers a rupee. Public health fair.
Bhagulpore Divn. 36	Sonthal Perghs, .. 26 „	2·46	Weather—seasonable. Showers and sunshine. State and prospects of crops good.
	Deoghur ...	0·27	
	Godda ...	0·29	
	Jamtara ...	0·34	
	Rajmehal ...	0·25	
	ORISSA.		
Orissa Divn. 37	Cuttack June 26 '80	2·82	Weather—seasonable. Sufficient rainfall for the present. Rice growing well. Sporadic cases of cholera reported. Small-pox abating. Common rice 16$\frac{1}{8}$ to 20 seers per rupee.
	Jajpore ...	2·24	
	Kendrapara .	2·7	
Orissa Divn. 38	Pooree, „ 24 „	5·54	Weather—seasonable. Sowing of late rice going on rapidly. Miscellaneous crops promising well. Common rice 20 to 24 seers per rupee. Public health good.
	Khoorda ...	3·78	
Orissa Divn. 39	Balasore. „ 25 „	3·93	Weather—showery. Ploughing and sowing continue. Public health good.
	CHOTA NAGPORE.		
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazaresbagh, June 25 '80	0·51	Weather—cool and pleasant, with occasional bursts of heavy rain. Prospects of autumn crops good. Ploughing and sowing going on everywhere. Prices stationary. General health good.
41	Lohardugga. „ 26 „	1·90	Weather—seasonable. Rain almost daily. Early sowings doing well, and prospects continue favourable. Isolated cases of cholera reported from Palamow. Small-pox seems to be abating. Prices stationary.
42	Singbhoom. „ 25 „	1·71	Weather—cloudy, with occasional rain. Prospects of crops favourable. General health good.
43	Manbhoom. „ 26 „	1·66	Weather—showery, with fine intervals. Sufficient rain for cultivators. Field-work progressing. Prospects at present favourable. Public health good.
	Govindpore ...	0 13	

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Rainfall, Weather and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 2nd May 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division. 1	Burdwan, 5th* May 1874.	2·10	Rain has fallen in all sub-divisions except Jehanabad and Raneegunge; weather hot. Teel (oil-seed) and cotton crops much benefited by the rain Ploughing commenced. Outturn of wheat and barley in Raneegunge 13 annas. Cholera abating, fever as before.
2	Bankoora, 2nd „ „	0·12	Some heavy showers of rain in the south and south-east, slight rain at head-quarters with strong wind. The crops are doing well where rain has fallen and the ground in those parts is being prepared for the ensuing rice season. Cases of cholera and small-pox daily reported.
3	Beerbhoom, 2nd „ „	0·53	Heat much abated, occasional showers at nightfall. Prospects of crops improved by the change in the weather. Export for week ending 25th April, 3,668½ maunds to Bhagulpore and Patna Divisions. Prices rising.
4	Midnapore, 2nd „ „	0·93	A storm of wind and rain every evening for the last four days. Numerous evening storms have visited the district, each partial, but so far as reports have been received, from half to one inch of rain has fallen everywhere. The rain will do a great deal of good to indigo, teel (oil-seed), and mulberry. Boro rice is being reaped in places where it is most forward.
5	Hooghly, 2nd „ „	1·84	Clear; nights cloudy, hot and stormy; slight rain on the 27th and heavy shower and storm on the 30th April. Julla paddy and teel (oil-seed) on the ground. Grounds prepared for early rice crop. Sowings of early rice crop commenced in thana Bansberyah.
	Howrah, 2nd „ „	1·47	Rain has fallen pretty generally in the district; since the 27th April there have been thunderstorms with rain in every thana except Jugutbullubpore. The only crop on the ground is the boro paddy, its prospects have been improved by the recent rain, which will also facilitate the preparation of land for the early and late rice crops.
	Central Districts.		
Presidency Division. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 5th† May 1874.	0·88	Hot and occasional fairly heavy showers of rain. Some heavy showers fell during the latter part of the week which have benefited the vegetable crops and enabled the ryots to commence the sowings of early rice and jute. More rain is needed. Cholera continues in thanas Baduria, Hurwali, Hasnabad, and Muthoorapore It has abated in all parts of Satkhira and in thana Joynugur. Small-pox has disappeared from Kulurooa. A few cases of fever again reported from Barripore.
7	Nuddea, 2nd May 1874	0·46	Seasonable. Rain has fallen generally and enabled the ryots to sow early rice. The indigo also has derived advantage. Prices are rising a little. Cholera continues prevalent.
8	Jessore, 2nd „ „	·78	Hot, with strong wind and one or two good showers of rain. The rain has been useful for sowing, but generally there has not been enough of it. In Narail Sub-division the indigo prospects are said to be bad from want of rain. Teel (oil-seed) is in full flower and doing well. The boro rice has been largely gathered. The later crop has benefited by the rainfall.
Rajshahye Division. 9	Moorshedabad, 2nd „ „	2·80	There were heavy showers of rain on the 26th and 27th April, which cooled the temperature greatly for several days; a slight storm with a little hail passed over a portion of the Gokura thana on Friday afternoon. The rain has enabled the cultivators to sow early rice in all lands adapted to its cultivation and late rice in low lands. Boro paddy has also been much benefited, although in some places the rain came too late. Prices have not risen any further since the last report. Cholera and small-pox continue.
10	Dinagepore, 2nd „ „	1·01	Good rain throughout the district. The boro paddy will begin to ripen in another fortnight or so. A good deal of the bhadoi (early) rice sowing, well above ground. Prospects of both crops good, both have been benefited by the rain.
11	Maldah, 2nd „ „	1·04	Cloudy throughout; stormy and rainy on two days. The rainfall on the nights of the 27th and 29th April did much good to the standing boro crops, and to the agricultural operations generally, especially towards the preparation of lands for bhadoi paddy (early). In one or two places some slight damage was done to the full-grown boro paddy by a fall of hailstone. Prices have risen and supplies falling short. Health generally good.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
Rajshahye Divn.—(*Contd.*) 12	Rajshahye, 2nd May 1874	1·35	There has been rain on two or three days in all parts of the district. The recent rain has greatly assisted the growing crops of early and late, and boro paddy, teel (oil-seed), sugarcane, and mulberry. The paddy crops especially present a very thriving appearance. The ears of the boro paddy are fast filling, and in some places the crop will be ready for the harvest in fifteen or twenty days. Prices have fallen materially in many parts, in consequence probably of opportune rain In other places they remain the same and have risen nowhere. Cholera and small-pox are still very prevalent, and there have been many deaths.
13	Rungpore, 2nd „ „	2·63	Weather cool and cloudy. Rain on several days; on the night of the 1st May there was hail. Boro paddy is being cut. Aous (early) rice and kown (millet) very favourable. Ground being ploughed for amun (late) rice.
14	Bogra, 2nd „ „	1·09	Dry and seasonable at present, sufficient rain has fallen lately; the late fall will no doubt do great good. Aous (early) rice is being sown in several parts of the district. In parts this rice has sprung up and promises very well.
15	Pubna, 2nd „ „	1·23	Weather dry and hot; rain with strong gust of wind and hail on the 25th April. The weather is favorable for the early and late rice crops, which are now being sown; the hail of the 25th caused some injury to the boro crops. The prospects of all other crops now look fair. Health of the district good.
Cooch Behar Divn. 16	Darjeeling, 2nd „ „	2·65	Smart showers of rain, with strong wind and a good deal of mist. The rain during the week has done much good to the young crops throughout the district; they are progressing favourably.
17	Julpigoree, 2nd „ „	2·70	Weather continues very cool and pleasant. The rain which has fallen on the last days of the week has been most beneficial, sowing of the bhadoi (early) crop should now be rapidly completed. There is nothing else worthy of special note. Jute crop doing well.
	Cooch Behar, 2nd „ „	3·65	Cool for the time of the year, several heavy showers during the week. The weather having been very favourable the state of the millet and early rice crops is very good. Jute sowings are going on.
	Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division. 18	Dacca, 5th* May 1874	1·12	Storms almost daily. Prospects of crops very good, the district officer never knew them better.
19	Furreedpore, 2nd „ „	1·1	Drizzling rain on the afternoon of Monday the 27th April, and storm accompanied with rain on that night and on the evening of 1st May; the days continue to be hot. More rain is wanted for the young crops and sowings on the high lands. Sporadic cases of cholera and small-pox in several villages in different parts of the district, and cattle disease has also been reported to prevail in Muxeedpore. Price of course rice is stationary at Furreedpore, Goalundo, and Madareepore, but has risen at Gopalgunge owing to a fall in importations. Large purchases are, however, being made at Goalundo under the Deputy Commissioner of Julpigoree's orders which may tend to raise the prices there.
20	Backergunge, 25th April 1874.	Nil	Hot. Strong south winds blow during the day. Prospects of crops not good. Rain is much wanted.
21	Mymensing, 2nd May 1874.	0·75	Besides the rainfall shown here, a fall of 0·91 occurred on the morning of the 2nd May. Rain has been general throughout the district, but more abundant in the north-west than elsewhere. The weather has been cool and pleasant with strong east winds. The river here has risen about 6 inches. The condition and prospects of the crops are very favourable. Spring rice is still being cut in a few places. The aous (early) crop is coming up well and promises an excellent outturn.
22	Sylhet, 25th April 1874	2·64	Cool in the morning, warm in the day, and close towards the evening. Thunder-storm nearly every night. Two very severe thunderstorms with heavy rain on the night of Sunday the 19th April. Aous (early) and amun (late) rice cultivation progressing favorably. About two annas of the boro rice reaped. Price of rice still continues to fall. The health of the district is remarkably good for this time of the year.
Chittagong Divn. 23	Chittagong, 25th „ „	Few drops.	Hot and hazy with high wind, chiefly from the south and westward. The early paddy is being sown in some places, but rain is now much wanted. Cholera reported from central and southern thanas.
24	Noakholly, 25th „ „	Nil	Cool, cloudy, and stormy. Sowing of the aous (early) paddy nearly completed, and good accounts received of the young plants. The moong (pulse) and chilly crops have been in one place injured by hailstones. Rain is said to be much wanted.
25	Tipperah, 2nd May 1874	·58	Hot and stormy. Slight rain only in parts of the district. Boro rice crop being cut, its outturn will be good; sowings of early and late rice crops still going on. Sufficient rain has fallen to prevent any damages.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Eastern Districts.—(Contd.)		
Chittagong Divn. 26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 25th April 1874.	Nil	Excessively hot throughout the whole week. The joom-burning is nearly over. The hill-men are engaged in clearing the jooms already burnt, so as to be ready for sowing the moment rain falls.
Chittagong Divn.	Hill Tipperah, 25th April 1874.	0·91	There was a heavy fall of rain on the evening of the 20th April, which cooled the air a little. There has been heavy rain in other parts of the district. The weather is very hot. No crops on the ground. More rain required to soften the land for ploughing. The jungles all round have been burning most of the week, rendering the air smoky and very close. These jooms will be sown as soon as more rain falls. No sickness reported.
BEHAR			
Patna Division. 27	Patna, 4th* May 1874	Nil	Weather seasonable. Nothing to be said with regard to crops, as there are none on the ground. Health of the district generally good, but there are still cases of small-pox in the city.
28	Gya, 2nd „ „	Nil	Fair. Cold weather crops harvested. No crops except cheena (millet) on the ground. Rain wanted. Health good. Small-pox somewhat less.
29	Shahabad, 2nd „ „	Nil	Unsettled weather, prevailing wind east. Cool at night. Mango crop promises well. Mohwa crop has given a fair outturn. Boro rice and young sugarcane on the ground. Small-pox still prevalent in most parts of the district.
30	Tirhoot, 2nd „ „	1·07	Seasonable, hot, with west winds. Hajeepore Sub-division—On the night of the 27th April, hail with a light rainfall of 0·66 inches, which has done a slight damage to the mango crop, but it will benefit the cheena (millet) and moong (pulse). Mudhoobunnee Sub-division—On the night of the 27th April, a heavy storm with a light rainfall of 0·28. More rain is wanted for preparing fields for early sowing of paddy crop. Indigo is in a very poor state. Seetamurhee Sub-division—On the evening of the 27th and morning of 28th and night of 29th April 80 inches of rain fell throughout the sub-division which is favourable for agricultural operations Cheena (millet) and moong (pulse) on the ground will be revived, the expectation of four annas crop will be realized. In all places ryots are busy at work in fields. Sowing of crops generally will not begin until after another rain, but in "Dhab" lands, makai (Indian-corn) and kown (millet) will be sown. Indigo sowing going on; mangos damaged by storm and hail. Public health good. Tajpore Sub-division—A light rain of 0·92 has done immense good. It has removed the fear there was of the paddy in the low churs being so backward at the commencement of rains that it would be swamped. Seed sown will germinate and lands not yet sown will be prepared and sown. Sudder Sub-division—Storm with light rainfall has done a slight damage to the mango crop, but it has done good to the cheena (millet). Public health good. No report has been received from Durbungah.
31	Sarun, 2nd „ „	Nil	Clear and hot, frequent duststorms with strong east winds. On the 27th April there was a pretty general fall of rain in the northern portion of the district which has been of immense benefit to indigo, cheena (millet), moong (pulse), and sugarcane. It will also to some extent enable the ryots to prepare the fields for the next sowings. A large number of mangoes have been blown down by the recent high winds. Early cheena (millet) is being cut; opium weighment nearly completed; outturn good. Rain much wanted. Prices have slightly risen.
32	Chumparun	.....	Return not received.
Bhagulpore Divn. 33	Monghyr, 2nd „ „	0·31	Fair with high east winds, some rain has fallen. There have been violent storms over the district during the week doing some damage to houses, trees, and the mango crop; the rain has done much good to the country. It has brought on the moong (pulse) and early rice, and enabled the ryots to plough the lands for future sowings.
Bhagulpore Divn. 34	Bhagulpore 5th† „ „	0 98	Rainfall at Banka ·52, at Soopole 1·23, at Mudhepoorah two to three inches. Rain most beneficial to moong (pulse) and rice in the north and for cultivation, operations generally now going on to great extent. Murwa (millet) and Indian-corn being sown in hopes of more rain; within a fortnight if it falls, these crops will ripen early and sowing will become general. General health very good, but small-pox reported here and there
Bhagulpore Divn. 35	Purneah, 2nd „ „	3·05	Heavy showers in the early part of the week, afterwards clear. The rain has done much good and quite changed the crop prospects. The sowing of bhadoi (early) and aghani (late) rice is going on everywhere. The moong (pulse) looking well More rain is still wanted in Kissengunge.
Bhagulpore Divn. 36	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 2nd May 1874.	0·57	Deogurh—clouds, dust, and a little rain. Godda—cloudy. Rajmehal—cool with two inches of rain. Doomka—clouds and wind; alternately very hot and pleasantly cool; some rain has fallen. Hardly anything on the ground. Mohwa all harvested. Murwa (millet) and sugarcane doing well in Deogurh. Cheena (millet) being cut in Godda. Boro paddy doing well in Rajmehal Ploughing for early rice going on in places. Cholera had appeared in the south of the district; said to have come from Ranegunge; seven deaths from it in Moheshpore. It appears not to be spreading. The late change in the weather may have helped to stop it. Small-pox bad in Godda.

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ORISSA.			
Orissa Division. 37	Cuttack, 5th* May 1874	·42	Weather warm and cloudy. Ploughing has commenced. Public health good.
38	Pooree 25th „ „	Nil	Hot and dry, with southerly wind. Moong (pulse) has been completely gathered with a fair outturn. The harvest of the dalua rice is approaching completion, and the crop is good. Cotton and mango are doing well. The latter will be ripe soon. Agricultural operations are well advanced, and sowing of paddy will soon begin. The planting of sugarcane has been finished. Purchases of rice for export continue on a reduced scale, and prices are almost stationary in the mofussil. Public health is generally good.
39	Balasore, 2nd „ „	·56	Great heat, with frequent and heavy but partial storms. Rain has fallen in parts of the district. In Bhuddruck 2·17 inches. Ploughing and manuring are resumed after each fall of rain. More than half the land has now received one ploughing. Sugarcane is being planted out and cotton is being gathered.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazareebagh	.....	Return not received.
41	Lohardugga, 2nd May 1874.	0·27	Cloudy with east winds; there have been a few duststorms with slight rain. Nothing now on the ground but the newly planted sugarcane which is doing well. Immense relief has been afforded to the poor by the abundant crop of mohwa flower. Lands are all ready for sowing and rain is now much wanted. Small-pox is prevalent in the district, but otherwise the general health is good. Prices remain steady.
42	Singbhoom, 25th „ „	Nil	Dry and fiercely hot. Nothing to add to previous reports. Mohwa and other wild fruit crops in greatest abundance. Public health generally good. No want at present.
43	Manbhoom, 2nd „ „	0·75	Daily storms, with rain from the noth-west. Ploughing going on vigorously. Small-pox still on the increase.

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Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 9th May 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
	BENGAL.		
	Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division. 1	Burdwan, 12th* May 1874.	Nil	Weather hot, no rain anywhere but in Boodbood; ploughing and sowing progressing. Teel (oil-seed) and cotton doing fairly. Cholera decreasing. Fever as before.
2	Bankoora, 9th May 1874	Nil	Hot and dry. Rain much needed in the north of the district. Where rain fell in the preceding week, ploughing operations are being carried on.
3	Beerbhoom, 9th „ „	Nil	Intensely hot and dry weather. A sensible change for the worse in prospects of crops since last report owing to the renewed heat and drought; teel (oil-seed), indigo, and mulberry failing; distress increasing. Export for week ending 2nd May 4,454½ maunds, chiefly to Bhagulpore and Patna Divisions. Prices show an upward tendency.
4	Midnapore, 9th „ „	.....	Some rain reported from south of the district, but only a few drops on 8th May at the Sudder station. Weather getting very hot. No change of consequence, but more rain is wanted. Cholera continues to appear at intervals, and is more frequent than usual this year.
5	Hooghly, 9th „ „	Nil	Clear, with high wind from south and south-east. Land is being ploughed for future crops. Some aous or early rice in Pandooah and Bansberiah has been sown. More rain is wanted.
	Howrah, 9th „ „	.....	High wind from the south, but no rain has fallen. The reaping of the boro paddy in parts of Khanacool, Ampta, and Domjoor thanas is proceeding rapidly. In most places the cultivators are satisfied with the outturn, but here and there the crop has failed for want of water. Rain is very much wanted to enable the cultivators to prepare their lands for the next crop of late rice.
	Central Districts.		
Presidency Division. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 12th† May 1874.	·02	Very hot, with strong winds from the south; only a few drops of rain here and there fell during the week. No crops on the ground. Sowings of early rice have gone on in some places, but a good fall of rain is required. Cholera has abated in thanas Muthoorapore, Barripore, Baduria, Hurwah, and Husnabad, but still continues. Fever continues in Barripore.
7	Nuddea, 9th May 1874	Nil.	Hot, with strong south winds. Rain is again required. The sowings of early rice have generally been completed, and the seed seems germinating well. Some of the late rice also has been sown. If rain be much delayed, there will be cause for anxiety. Cholera is less prevalent. The price of coarse rice is rising a little, but is almost everywhere from Rs. 2-8 to Rs. 3 per maund.
8	Jessore, 9th „ „	Nil.	Hot, dry, and windy. Cloudy at times in the morning and lightning at night. Teel (oil-seed) flowering. Indigo and rice sowing stopped for want of rain, and where sowing has been effected, the young plants are suffering from the same cause. The boro rice has been mostly harvested, and has been a good crop.
Rajshahye Division. 9	Moorshedabad, 9th „ „	.....	It has been intensely hot during the week. No rain is reported from any part of the district, and there are no indications of an early rainfall. The early rice sowings are suffering severely from the drought and heat, and in some places the resowing will probably be necessary if rain does not fall within next two or three days. Boro rice is in good condition in thanas Khargaon and Kalleangunge, and is approaching maturity. It will be of great advantage to many villages, although the crop has been much affected by the drought. Sugarcane is being planted out; indigo and mulberry are pretty fair. Cholera is on the decrease, but still rages with some virulence at Burwa, Sagardighi, and Gokurn. Prices almost stationary. Since telegraphed, one-half inch of rain on the night of the 11th instant; weather unsettled.
10	Dinagepore, 9th „ „	Nil	There have been showers of rain in some places throughout the district confined to no particular locality. Boro rice is being cut, there will be good outturn. Bhadoi, or early rice, very much benefited by the rain, which fell some days ago. An unusual breadth has been sown, and is in many places coming up well.
11	Maldah, 9th „ „	Nil	Very hot; wind southerly. Occasional clouds and distant thunders. Boro crop is being reaped with average outturn. Bhadoi or early sowing is being extensively carried on. Mango crop has suffered by the late storm and hail. Prices the same as last week with a tendency to rise, but the supplies this week are scanty. Health of the district generally good.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
Rajshahye Divn.—(*Contd.*) 12	Rajshahye, 9th May 1874	Nil	The heat has been intense; there has been no rain, except in the north in the Bhundaikhara thana, where there was a good shower on the 6th May. There has been a good deal of cholera in the town of Beauleah, and in thanas Manda, Tannore, and Bagmara. Boro paddy is being cut in several parts of the district, and has yielded generally a good crop. The jalee paddy grown along the banks of the Ganges is also a good crop. The early rice, which germinated after the last rain, has suffered from the extreme heat and drought, and unless it rains soon, will be destroyed. Sowings of the early rice on higher lands have been suspended. Jute and teel (oil-seed) are suffering from want of rain. Prices generally have not altered, though in the south-west there has been a slight rise, and in the south-east a considerable fall.
13	Rungpore, 9th „ „	0·17	Very hot. Some rain has fallen. The prospects of the crops continue very favorable. Prices remain about the same as last week. Dysentery prevalent.
14	Bogra, 9th „ „	2·15	Very hot in the day. There has been a fall of rain on the evening of Wednesday, the 6th May. The early rice has already been sown in about all the parts of the district, and it promises well. The rain has done great good.
15	Pubna, 9th „ „	Nil	Weather dry and hot during the whole week, with a strong south wind blowing. The late high winds have not been favorable to either the boro paddy or indigo; both crops are nearly ripe. More rain much wanted for cultivation. Health of the district good.
Cooch Behar Divn. 16	Darjeeling, 9th „ „	0·02	Warm and balmy. In the plains the young crops, viz. early rice, kowni (millet), and kutchu (bulb), are doing well; they have had a little rain. In the hills the young paddy, bhoota (Indian-corn), murwa, and kowni (millets), and buck-wheat are progressing satisfactorily.
17	Julpigoree, 9th „ „	·23	Warmer weather, with appearance of rain. There has been good deal of rain in Boda, and there, as well as elsewhere in the district, the bhadoi, or early rice, prospects begin to look very fair. Sowing now being busily carried out; some plants already four inches high. Young jute plants doing well; kowni (millet) promising remarkably well.
	Cooch Behar, 9th „ „	0·86	Very hot, thermometer up to ·95. Clouds on some days. Some rain has fallen. The present dry weather is favorable for reaping cheena (millet), also for weeding the early rice and sowing jute. Prospects of millets and early rice continue good.
	Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division. 18	Dacca, 12th* May 1874	1·20	Weather very hot and high wind till the 11th May, when rain fell. Crops good. The rain of the 11th was beginning to be much wanted.
19	Furreedpore, 9th „ „	Nil	Strong south and south-west winds prevailed throughout the week. Weather extremely hot; want of rain is much felt. Rice sowings on high lands suspended in consequence. Price of coarse rice at Furreedpore has risen from 13 to 11 seers, and at Bhanga from 16 to 15 seers, during the week owing to the high winds interfering with boats coming to the places. The time is very critical, as rain is essential at this time to give the young plant strength to keep up with the inundation when it occurs.
20	Backergunge, 2nd May 1874.	·67	Weather hot. Some rain has fallen. Prospects of crops not very good. More rain is wanted.
21	Mymensing, 9th May 1874	0·97	There has been some rain throughout the district, but more at the Sudder station than elsewhere. Weather during the week extremely hot. A thunder-storm on the evening of the 6th May, but very little rain. The early rice is looking very well, and prospects generally are satisfactory, but more rain is desirable. The health of the district is remarkably good.
22	Sylhet, 2nd „ „	3	Storms nearly every night, but the weather is wonderfully cool and healthy for the time of the year. Sowings of the early and late rice going on. About 1,500 maunds of rice and over 2,000 maunds of paddy exported.
Chittagong Divn. 23	Chittagong, 2nd „ „	·26	At Sudder station rain fell during the day and on the night of the 30th April. From the interior rain is reported to have fallen at Koomeria and Hathazaree on the 28th, and on the 26th at Doolahazra. Weather otherwise hot. More rain wanted for the early paddy. From Cox's Bazar some damage to spring crops reported owing to the dry weather. Cholera reported generally from nearly all parts of the district and seems unusually prevalent in the sub-division, where the Mughs are also said to be suffering from measles.
24	Noakholly, 2nd „ „	0·21	Cloudy mornings, days warm; strong southerly wind. Rain on the 28th April. Sowing of the early rice is being completed, and except in one thana, where the young plants have suffered from drought, they are reported to be doing well. The moong (pulse) and chilly crops have been nearly reaped, but the outturn appears from the accounts to be below the average.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)				
		Eastern Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
Chittagong Divn.	25	Tipperah, 9th May 1874	·36	Hot and cloudy, with strong southerly gales. Boro rice crop good. Want a little more rain for the next early rice.
	26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 2nd May 1874.	·62	A fall of rain on the 30th April. Excessively hot on the 1st and 2nd May. The joom-burning is nearly over. The hillmen have begun to sow paddy, cotton, cucumbers, melons, Indian-corn, &c., in the jooms already cleaned.
		Hill Tipperah, 2nd May 1874.	0·76	Cooler all the week. Thunder-storms, with rather heavy rain, on Monday and Tuesday (27th and 28th April) nights, and Thursday and Saturday (30th April and 2nd May) mornings. Ploughing going on in the plains under the hills, and lands being prepared in the hills for joom sowings. Prices falling in the northern part.
BEHAR.				
Patna Division.	27	Patna, 11th* May 1874	Nil	Weather seasonable and very hot. No crops to report upon. Health of the district generally good, though small-pox still prevails in the city.
	28	Gya, 9th „ „	Nil	Weather hot. No crops except chuena (millet) and sugarcane.
	29	Shahabad, 9th „ „	Nil	Slight clouds gathered during one or two evenings, but no rain followed; wind west; days hot. No change; the remaining crops still doing well. Small-pox continues, thirty cases reported in the Bhubooah sub-division.
	30	Tirhoot, 9th „ „	Nil	Weather hot. The sub-divisional officer of Durbhunga rode over an area of a hundred square miles within the last five days, and reported that within that area the crop was nil, but in those places where some moong (pulse) was sown the rain of the last week has benefited it; considerable quantities of rice land were, where the rain fell, prepared for sowings. In Mudhoobunnee sub-division 0·29 inches of rain fell on the night of the 29th April; rain is much wanted for early sowings of rice. In Hajeepore sub-division there is no change since last week. Relief works have been started throughout the sub-division except in the Dearah, which are attracting a good deal of labor. No report has been received from the Seetamurhee and Tajpore sub-divisions. The prospects of crops in the Sudder sub-division continue much the same as last week, want of water being much felt.
	31	Sarun, 9th „ „	Nil	Weather dry, with hot west wind prevailing. People in the northern portion of the district are busy in sowing shama (grass-seed), tangui and cheena (millets). Where rain fell indigo is being resown in lands on which the plants did not germinate. Sugarcane and boro paddy doing fairly; more rain is wanted for preparing fields for the early sowings of paddy crops. What remains of the mango crop, doing well. Prices are rising a little.
	32	Chumparun 9th „ „	Nil	Very hot in the day. Winds variable, east and west. No material change to report. Rain anxiously looked for for the next sowings. Indigo prospects continue very unfavorable. Prices stationary.
Bhagulpore Divn.	33	Monghyr, 9th „ „	Nil	Weather dry, intense heat. Prospects of crops much the same as last week. The recent rain has freshened up the moong (pulse) and early rice crops. Rain is however wanted everywhere. General health good.
	34	Bhagulpore 12th „ „	Nil	Strong east-north-east wind chiefly. The rain of last week has done immense good to moong (pulse), paddy and sugarcane now on the ground. Ploughing and cultivation operations are being carried on with vigour throughout the north, and bhadoi or early crop sowing commenced in many place; another good fall of rain within a week are so anxiously looked for. General health remarkably good.
	35	Purneah, 9th „ „	Nil	Weather hot, east wind prevailing. The crop prospects continue very good; the bhadoi (early) crop especially promises well. Many people say there will be a better crop than has been known for years. The general health of the district continues to be better than is generally the case at this time.
	36	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 9th May 1874.	·25	Weather unsettled, with great heat, which extends far into the night. Rain is greatly required for everything, and is anxiously looked for.
ORISSA.				
Orissa Division.	37	Cuttack, 12th† May 1874	Nil	Weather hot. Rain wanted. Ploughing is progressing. Public health good.
	38	Pooree 2nd „ „	Nil	Hot and dry, with southern wind. The harvest of the dalua rice is approaching completion, and the crop is good. Cotton is doing well. Mango is beginning to ripen. Preliminary and preparatory agricultural operations are almost completed, and sowing of paddy will begin very soon if there is some rain. Sugarcane crops are growing up. Purchases of rice for export continue on a moderate scale, and prices are almost stationary in the mofussil. Public health is generally good.
	39	Balasore, 9th „ „	·30	Heat excessive, no rain during the last six days. The sowing of the early (satea) rice has commenced. Sugarcane is being planted out. General ploughing checked by want of rain. Cattle plague reported from several quarters.

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BEHAR—*(Continued.)*			
PATNA DIVN.—*Cond.* 28	Durbhunga, July 17 „	0·76	Weather—cloudy with east wind. Autumn crops doing well. Paddy being sown and transplanted. Indigo manufacture in progress: outturn fair. Prices falling. Fever still prevalent at head-quarters.
29	Mozufferpore, „ 17 „	0·12	Weather—very hot for time of year. Prospects of crops fair. More rain wanted in every part of district.
	Hajeepore ...	0·24	
	Seetamurhee ...	Nil	
30	Sarun, „ 17 „	0·32	Weather—hot and cloudy. Slight rain general throughout district. Autumn crops coming on well. Paddy sowings going on. Indigo manufacturing in full progress, with favourable result. Condition of district generally satisfactory.
	Sewan ...	0·40	
31	Chumparun, „ 17 „	Nil	Weather—cloudy. East winds blowing. Crops wanting water badly.
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 32	Monghyr, July 17 '80	0·09	Weather—hot. Very little rain. All crops looking well, but more rain required.
	Begoosera ...	Nil	
	Jamui ...	0·33	
33	Bhagulpore, „ 17 „	0·29	Weather—showery and sultry. One heavy downpour wanted to ensure rice transplanting, especially in south of district.
34	Purneah, „ 17 „	0·97	Weather—seasonable. Showers and sunshine. South-east wind. Prospects of crops good. Damage up to present slight.
	Kissengunge ...	0·98	
	Arrareah ...	1·97	
35	Maldah, „ 17 „	1·09	Weather—fair and warm. Crops doing well. More rain wanted. Common rice 19 seers per rupee. Health fair.
36	Sonthal Perghs, „ 17 „	2·47	Weather—showery. Seasonable. State and prospects of crop very good.
	Deoghur ...	0·49	
	Godda ...	0·33	
	Jamtara ...	1·83	
	Pakour ...	0·46	
	Rajmehal ...	0·08	
ORISSA.			
ORISSA DIVN. 37	Cuttack, July 17 '80	5·50	Weather—rainy and wet. Paddy plants in low lands being damaged. Cholera, small-pox and cattle disease still reported. Rice 15¼ to 20 seers per rupee.
	Jajpore ...	2·63	
	Kendrapara ...	4·7	
38	Pooree, „ 15 „	4·62	Weather—seasonable. Sowing of late rice still going on. Floods have done damage to seedlings. Weeding of early rice in progress. Miscellaneous crops promising well. Prices of food-grains stationary. Public health good.
	Khoordu ...	7·05	
39	Balasore, „ 16 „	1·21	A break in rains from 9th to 13th, and heat excessive, but favourable for crops Transplanting commenced, and crops doing well throughout district. Some cholera at Bhuddruck.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazareebagh, July 16 '80	3·88	Weather—showery at intervals. Crops look well. Transplanting continues. General health good.
41	Lohardugga, „ 17 „	1·26	Weather—seasonable. Prospects continue favourable. *Gora* paddy looks promising. Prices fluctuating slightly. Small-pox still prevalent.
42	Singbhoom, „ 16 „	0·76	First part of week dry and very warm. Rain lasted three days. Some heavy rain required for *Kurhas* operation. Crops look well up to date. Public health good.
43	Manbhoom, „ 17 „	1·03	Weather—showery and cool at Purulia; hot and oppressive at Govindpore. Rice transplanting going on; enough rain for field work during week, except in Burabhoom and Patcoom. Public health good.
	Govindpore ...	2·06	

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)				
		Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
Rajshahye Divn.—(*Contd.*)	12	Rajshahye, 16th May 1874	·66	All parts of the district have had more or less rain during the week except Manda and Tannore, in the west and north-west. The late rain has been very favorable for all the growing rice crops, and also for the ploughing of lands which are yet unploughed, and the sowings of the early and late rice. Tuel (oil-seed) is doing well, and the prospects of indigo and jute have improved since the rain. In the west and north-west of the district rain is much needed for the crops and for ploughing and sowing operations. Prices have been generally stationary, but with a slight upward tendency in one or two places. Small-pox and cholera are still prevalent, though slightly abated since last report.
	13	Rungpore, 16th „ „	0·38	Hot and oppressive. Millets are being harvested, and look well. To the south, the crops are suffering from want of rain. Good rain has fallen to the north. The early rice has been cut in a few places and is favorable.
	14	Bogra, 16th „ „	1·83	Rain has fallen. Weather dry and seasonable at the end of the week. Boro rice is being cut in Bogra and Khetlal and a fair average is expected. Early rice has been sown in various parts of the district. The prospects of the early rice crop in the east of the district are decidedly good.
	15	Pubna, 16th „ „	1·56	Windy, unsettled, generally dry and hot weather. There was a heavy shower of rain on the 11th and a slighter one on the 12th May. The late rain has been favorable to the growing crops, which promise well. The boro paddy has nearly all been got in; the jalee crop is being cut. The outturn is as good as was expected. More rain is much wanted.
Cooch Behar Divn.	16	Darjeeling, 16th „ „	0·45	Rather variable; mostly sultry; little rain and threatening clouds. The crops throughout the district are doing well, but more rain is needed.
	17	Julpigoree, 16th „ „	1·7	Generally cloudy, with north-east wind prevailing. Rain has fallen. Bhadoi (early) rice promising; cutting of kowni (millet) commenced here and there.
		Cooch Behar, 16th „ „	5·26	Cool for the time of year. Heavy showers of rain occurring generally at night or early in the morning. The prospects of the millet and early rice crops continue to be good.
		Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division.	18	Dacca, 19th* May 1874	2·64	Weather hot; strong winds and occasional storms; rain has fallen. Crops good; the rain has been most beneficial
	19	Fureedpore, 16th „ „	2·17	During the early part of the week, a very strong wind blew from south-west and west-south-west, but rain fell and the wind abated in a day; it has sprung up again and become gusty. The rain has done much good everywhere. It appears to have been general throughout the district, as it is reported both at Goalundo and Madareepore, the one north and the other to the south of the district. Rice sowings on high lands, which were not finished before, are progressing satisfactorily, but there is still some fear that the rivers may flood the country earlier than usual as they are rising very rapidly, and the young plant in the low lands on account of the drought are still in a backward state. They are not yet strong enough to bear emersion, and the water rising too quickly would drown them. Common rice has fallen in price at Fureedpore, risen at Goalundo, Madareepore, and Bhanga, and is the same at Gopaulgunge. The rise in prices, it is said, is owing to the high winds which interfere with boats visiting the marts in question.
	20	Backergunge, 9th „ „	Nil	Very hot. Prospects of crops not good. Rain much wanted for the early rice sowings, &c.
	21	Mymensingh, 16th „ „	2·26	Abundant rain throughout the district except in the north-west, where the fall was scanty. The greater part of the week was stormy, with high winds and a good deal of lightning. The rain now seems to have cleared off for the present, and the weather is again very hot. State and prospects of the crops are exceedingly good.
	22	Sylhet, 9th „ „	2·58	Wonderfully cool for the time of the year. There has been really little or no hot weather to speak of this year. Thunderstorms and timely showers of rain have succeeded in keeping the weather quite as cool as in the height of the rains. Amun, or late rice sowings completed. Kataria and aous (early) crops progressing. The price of rice has fallen; exports are slack. Only about 1,500 maunds of rice and 2,000 maunds of paddy exported. The district is remarkably healthy this year.
Chittagong Divn.	23	Chittagong, 9th „ „	Few drops	Very hot in the day time. Has been threatening the last day or two, but the rain still holds off. Spring crops are doing well, but rain is wanted everywhere. Preparations for early irrigated paddy crop continue. Cholera prevalent, especially in town and Satkania thana; also in Cox's Bazar Sub-Division. Many cases of fever owing to the hot weather.
	24	Noakholly, 9th „ „	Nil	Atmosphere cloudy. Hot days and strong south and south-easterly wind. About three-quarters of the aous (early) paddy has now been sown. The plants are in general doing well, but have in some places been injured by drought and are likely to suffer much if the dry weather continues. The pulses have been nearly reaped, and the yield is generally reported to be below the average.

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	Eastern Districts.—(Contd.)		
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 25	Tipperah, 16th May 1874	5·44	High winds, stormy, heavy rain, and much cooler than last week. The boro rice crop is being harvested and yielding a fair outturn. The rain has saved the early rice crop which was withering from the drought.
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 26	Chittagong Hill Tracts. 9th May 1874.	.....	Excessively hot throughout the whole week. Joom-burning is over. Rain very badly wanted for the sowings. The seeds sown last week after the shower have been parched up.
CHITTAGONG DIVN.	Hill Tipperah, 9th May 1874.	Nil	There has been some rain in the interior, but none at head-quarters; weather very hot, thermometer 96° in the shade. Strong hot wind from south and south-east since the 7th May. No change to report; rain is very much wanted for ploughing and early sowings, Young paddy withering for want of moisture. Sickness reported about head-quarters, mostly owing to excessive heat and dryness.
BEHAR.			
PATNA DIVISION. 27	Patna, 18th* May 1874	Nil	Weather seasonable; very hot, with strong west winds. No crops to report about except cheena (millet), which will soon be harvested. Health of the district generally good, but cases of small-pox still reported in the city.
PATNA DIVISION. 28	Gya, 16th „ „	Nil	Weather hot; no crops save sugarcane on the ground.
PATNA DIVISION. 29	Shahabad, 16th „ „	Nil	Very hot, with strong west wind. Sugarcane and vegetables on the ground and being irrigated. Cheena (millet) in places being cut. In the Buxar sub-division the boro rice is reported to be doing well. Mango crop still promising. Small-pox less prevalent.
PATNA DIVISION. 30	Tirhoot, 16th „ „	Nil	Hot west wind prevailing. Sitamurhee sub-division—0·40 inches of rain fell on the 11th May; is beneficial to agricultural operations. In many places some of the laborers have left relief works to prepare their fields. The rain has moistened the soil so much as to enable the ryots to prepare the land for sowing in the first coming rain. Makai (Indian-corn) was sown in places in the rain which fell a fortnight ago, and has succeeded in some places. The murwa (millet) seedlings appear to be coming up well. During the last three days the Deputy Collector travelled in the Amoora, Shewhar, Bhagwanpur, Dynchapra, and Mohind circles, and noticed ryots ploughing their fields; there was a heavier rain to the north of the sub-division. Mudhoobunnee sub-division—A little rain of 0·1 fell on the night of the 11th instant; more rain is much wanted for sowing the early rice. Most of the fields are ready for paddy crop. In Kutchra circle the cheena (millet) crop has been in some parts from 8 to 12 annas. Tajpore sub-division—Rain is much wanted. Mango knocked about; no change in other crops. Hajeepore sub-division—The state and prospects of the crops remained unaltered; the cheena (millet) and moong (pulse) are doing well in the low lands, but those on the high lands have suffered from the drought Prospects of the crops in the sudder sub-division continue much the same as last week; want of rain being much felt. No report from Durbhunga.
PATNA DIVISION. 31	Sarun, 16th „ „	Nil	Weather very hot and dry. Winds variable, east and west. Cheena (millet) in various stages of growth. The early crop is being cut, and the late, which is not yet ripe, is being irrigated, where practicable. Indigo prospects continue to be unfavorable. The recent sowings are dying for want of moisture. Agricultural operations are at a standstill except in Burrowlee thana, in Sewan sub-division, where paddy is being sown in the low lands in which moisture was supplied by the recent rains Rain most anxiously looked for for the next sowings. A large number of mangoes have been blown down by the recent high winds. Prices have slightly fallen in the town owing to payment of the people on relief works in grain, and the restoration of private trade, which was temporarily interrupted by the impressment of carriage for Tirhoot.
PATNA DIVISION. 32	Chumparun 16th „ „	Nil	Very hot in the day; east and west winds Sowings of makai (Indian-corn) and other crops delayed for want of rain. Prospects of moong (pulse) fair, of indigo very unfavorable; cheena and kawni (millets) have entirely failed, except where there was a little moisture, or where advances for wells have enabled the ryots to irrigate them.
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 33	Monghyr, 16th „ „	Nil	Heat intense; strong west winds; no present indications of rain. Rain much wanted; the few crops on the ground are being rapidly parched up. Health generally good.
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 34	Bhagulpore 19th† „ „	Nil	Hot and strong west winds. Hail and rain on the 12th May south of Soopool and west of Muddehpoora. Moong (pulse) ripening fast. Rice, murwa (millet), and sugarcane all reported as flourishing, but in want of rain. General health very good.
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 35	Purneah, 16th „ „	0·40	Very hot; east winds prevalent. The sowing of the rice lands nearly finished; an unusually large area has been sown; a very early bhadoi crop is expected in Dhurmpore. The moong (pulse) and kawni (millet) in the centre and north of the district are looking very well; the latter is in full ear. Cholera and small-pox have made their appearance in various places, but not to any great extent.
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 36	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 16th May 1874.	A few drops only.	A little rain at Rajmehal. Weather became excessively hot at Doomka both by night and day. Distant lightning occasionally. A squall and little rain at Doomka in the middle of the week. There are no crops on the ground anywhere except the last of the boro paddy at Rajmehal. Mangoes bad generally, fair at Rajmehal. Rain very badly wanted to let ploughing go on and to fill tanks. Want of water great in the south of the district.

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No.	District, and date of return	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.—(*Continued.*)			
	***Eastern Districts.*—(Continued.)**		
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 22	Chittagong, July 27 '80	10·36	Weather—showery, with strong south and south-west wind. Heavy rain on 26th and night before. Transplanting of rice seedlings going on. Prospects generally good. Cholera and cattle disease not yet ceased.
23	Noakholly, „ 22 „	4·03	Weather—comparatively dry, with occasional showers. Heavy rain on 16th. Early rice being reaped. Late rice being transplanted Water sufficient, not excessive. Occasional small-pox.
24	Chittagong Hill Tracts „ 20 „	2·17	Weather—cloudy and rainy, with occasional sunshine Júm crops doing well. More rain wanted for ploughing. Fever very prevalent.
	Hill Tipperah, „ 21 „	0·86	Weather—rather too dry for the season. Late paddy being transplanted. Prospects of early rice fair. Public health good.
BEHAR.			
PATNA DIVN. 25	Patna, July 24 '80	6·61	Weather—cloudy and generally cool; occasionally close between showers. Prospects of autumn crops excellent Seedlings of paddy ready for transplantation in some places. A few cases of cholera and small-pox reported, but general health good.
	Behar ...	3·06	
26	Gya, „ 24 „	1·13	Weather—cloudy and sunshine. Maximum reading in shade 95·8°. Prospects everywhere good. Sowing still going on. More rain wanted. Public health generally good.
	Aurungabad ...	4·48	
	Nowada ...	2·50	
	Jehanabad ...	2·64	
27	Shahabad, „ 24 „	5·50	Weather—hot, with occasional heavy showers. Rain wanted in Bhabooah subdivision. Sowing of paddy progressing. Isolated cases of cholera reported.
28	Durbhunga, July 24 „	6·25	Weather—cloudy, with east wind. Transplanting of paddy in progress. *Bhadoi* doing well. Prices stationary. General health good.
29	Mozufferpore, „ 24 „	6·24	Weather—seasonable. Ample rain has fallen everywhere. Rivers rising. Prospects of crops everywhere good. Public health good.
	Hajeepore	9·59	
	Seetamurhee ...	3·35	
30	Saran, „ 24 „	7·82	Weather—hot, close, and cloudy. Heavy rain general throughout district. Collector has within the week travelled nearly 200 miles through northern and central portions and found agricultural prospects everywhere good.
	Sewan ...	6·06	
31	Chumparun ...	... ..	Report not received.
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 32	Monghyr, July 24 '80	4·13	Heavy rain on 18th. Rain has done much good. Paddy seedlings being transplanted in lower lands, but more water required for transplanting in higher lands.
	Begooserai ...	2·22	
	Jamui ..	2·23	
33	Bhagulpore, „ 24 „	2·5	Weather—cloudy and sultry. Transplanting progressing, but more rain wanted in south.
34	Purneah, „ 24 „	2·38	Weather—very seasonable and very sultry. Prospects of crops good, except in north of district where in some localities rain wanted.
	Kissengunge ...	2·43	
	Arrareah ...	4·50	
35	Maldah, „ 24 „	1·51	Weather—very sultry owing to scanty rainfall and a hot sun. Autumn rice in ear. This and other crops doing well, but want more rain. Coarse rice about 19½ seers per rupee. Public health fair.
36	Sonthal Perghs, „ 24 „	2·06	Weather—hot and dry. State and prospects of crops good.
	Deoghur ...	2·35	
	Godda ...	3·95	
	Jamtara ...	1·36	
	Pakour ...	3·05	
	Rajmehal ...	0·93	
ORISSA.			
ORISSA DIVN. 37	Cuttack ...	.....	Report not received.
38	Pooree ...	.....	Report not received.
39	Balasore, July 23 '80	2·52	Occasional showers of rain. Transplanting of rice plants in progress. Public health good throughout district, except a few cases of cholera in Bhudruck.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazareebagh, July 23 '80	2·14	Rain has been holding off for some days past, but clouds still hang about. Crop prospects excellent. General health good.
41	Lohardugga, „ 24 „	2·49	Weather—seasonable. Transplanting was retarded for want of rain till 23rd, when a heavy shower fell. It is now going on vigorously. *Bhadoi* sowings backward in Palamow, and more rain wanted there. Small-pox still prevalent.
42	Singbhoom, „ 23 „	3·53	Weather—very unseasonable; bright and hot throughout week, with only two heavy showers of rain. Crops still continue to look well, but transplanting and *burhaning* not completed for want of sufficient water in fields. General health good.
43	Manbhoom, „ 24 „	1·54	Weather—showery in early part of week. No rain for last day or two. Prospects good so far. More rain will soon be wanted, especially in south of district. Public health good.
	Govindpore ...	2·29	

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 24th July 1880.

Rainfall, Weather and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 23rd May 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division. 1	Burdwan, 26th* May 1874	·61	Rain has fallen in the Sudder and Culna sub-divisions, but nowhere else. Weather hot. Rain much wanted. Fever as before. Numerous cases of cholera in Raneegunge and Bood-bood.
2	Bankoora, 23rd „	Nil	Very hot; some duststorms without rain. Rain urgently required. Water very scarce. Cholera and small-pox daily reported.
3	Beerbhoom, 23rd „ „	Nil	Intensely hot. No change during the week, but a storm of wind and rain has burst over the station just at the time of the report. Silk almost a total failure owing to the drought. Export by rail for week ending 16th May 4,158½ maunds. Prices almost stationary, but showing an upward tendency. Cholera and small-pox prevalent.
4	Midnapore, 23rd „ „	.....	No rain at the sudder station, though very partial showers have fallen in places in the interior. The continued drought is becoming serious; all agricultural operations are at a standstill. The aous or early rice sowings cannot be completed; distress is increasing everywhere.
5	Hooghly, 23rd „ „	Nil	Clear; wind from south; occasionally cloudy. Sugarcane withering, as also the small quantity of early rice planted. No other crops are on the ground. Some rain has since fallen in places, which will do good, but more is required.
	Howrah, 23rd „ „	.....	No rain during the week; weather sultry, and at times cloudy. Wind generally from the south. The ryots are cutting the boro paddy. Want of rain is the general cry throughout the district. The time for aous or early rice is passing away. Sugarcane plants are suffering. Some rain has since fallen in parts of the district.
	Central Districts.		
Presidency Division. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 26th† May 1874.	Nil	Very hot, with occasional clouds and strong winds from the south. The early rice sown has come up fairly in some places, but is suffering from want of rain, which is urgently required. Cholera still prevalent in thanas Muthoorapore, Baduria, and Hurwa. A few deaths from sunstroke and some cases of cholera and small-pox reported from Barasct. Fever continues in Barripore.
7	Nuddea, 23rd May 1874	0·98	Very hot. Except in the Chooadangah and parts of the Sudder sub-division, there has been very little rain. More is now wanted both for the early and for the late rice. Indigo is doing well. Prices have a tendency to rise, especially in the distressed tracts, where the Collector has heard as little as 10 seers in some parts can be had for a rupee. This is a sign that the local trade is insufficient, as coarse rice is still procurable at Kishnaghur for Rs. 2-14 per maund, and almost everywhere in the district for less than Rs. 3. Cholera has left the distressed tracts, but has attacked Barnagur and some other places.
8	Jessore, 23rd „ „	·18	Very hot, and generally clear. There have been one or two storms, but very little rain has accompanied them. Teel (oil-seed) is being reaped and yielding a good outturn. Except in Jhenida, where the rain in the preceding week has benefited both rice and indigo, the want of rain is being much felt. In Bagirhat the cultivation of early and late rice is retarded, and the aous or early rice plants have withered from the drought.
Rajshahye Division. 9	Moorshedabad, 23rd „ „	·2	Sharp storm on Friday evening, 22nd May, with very high wind, but little rain; many trees were uprooted and strong branches broken near the station. No report has yet been received from the interior. The storm came from the west. It was repeated in a milder degree on the next evening. The rainfall, although slight, has been very beneficial to the seedlings, and will probably enable the cultivators to complete their sowings. A good deal more land than was used last year is being taken up for aous or early rice. Prices vary much from week to week in most markets, but a comparison of the last few weeks shows a decidedly upward tendency. They are higher this week at the principal markets. Cholera and small-pox still bad. The former has broken out with virulence at Rampore Haut. Medicines are being supplied wherever required.
10	Dinagepore, 23rd „ „	·36	Weather has been cloudy and threatening, but no heavy rain has been reported anywhere in the district; there have been some showers in places. A great deal of the boro paddy has been cut. The bhadoi or early rice is reported in some places to be suffering from want of rain, which is wanted not only for the early rice, but to enable the ploughing for the winter crop to be commenced.
11	Malcah, 23rd „ „	0·14	Hot, with occasional clouds; slight rain on the evening of Friday the 22nd May; there has been some rain in Khurba and a slight shower at head-quarters. The state of the crops is the same as last week; rain is much wanted. The price of rice and of gram has fallen. There have been several cases of small-pox in Khurba thana, and a few cases of cholera.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
RAJSHAHYE DIVN.—(*Contd.*) 12	Rajshahye, 23rd May 1874	Nil	There has been no rain in the district throughout the week. The continued drought and excessive heat are proving very injurious to all crops; much land is lying ready ploughed, but sowing is altogether suspended until rain falls. Prices have risen in many places, but to a large extent in Baulcah only, where the rise is two seers in the rupee. At Tannore boro rice has been in the market at seers 13-8 per rupee. Cholera and small-pox cases are decidedly decreasing in frequency.
13	Rungpore, 23rd „ „	1·16	Cloudy and hot; rain has fallen copiously during last two nights. North, east, and south-east, there has been a good rainfall. All west and south the crops have sustained much damage and are in a very critical state; much of the millet crop is being cut to the east and south-east. Price of rice very high everywhere. It reached 6½ seers a rupee in the head-quarters market, but has been easier since.
14	Bogra, 23rd „ „	Nil	Dry and hot. The aous or early rice crop will suffer considerably if more rain does not fall soon; until lately the prospects of the crops were good, and with a seasonable supply of rain a good outturn may still be expected.
15	Pubna, 23rd „ „	0·26	Dry and hot; slight rainfall on the 20th May. There was a storm on the 22nd, with slight rain. More rain is wanted for the early rice and indigo crops. Teel (oil-seed) is nearly ripe. Nothing new to report since last week.
COOCH BEHAR DIVN. 16	Darjeeling, 23rd „ „	0·95	In the hills, alternate mist and sunshine, with a sprinkling of rain. From the Terai there are still complaints of want of rain. In the hills, the potato and Indian-corn crops are doing well. In the Terai the young paddy looks well, but of course depends much on speedy rainfall. The seedling beds for the late crops are being prepared. Jute is thriving, but wants rain.
17	Julpigoree ...	.....	Return not received.
	Cooch Behar, 23rd „ „	1·70	Favorable; warm, with occasional thunder showers. A great deal of millet has been cut and early kinds of aous or early rice are in ear in the south. In the north and west, where the aous or early rice harvest is later and millet is not much grown, scarcity is increasing.
	Eastern Districts.		
DACCA DIVISION. 18	Dacca, 26th* May 1874	2·50	Storms almost daily; much cooler. State of the crops good.
19	Fureedpore, 23rd „ „	2·07	North-westers on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Friday evening, during which a little more than two inches of rain fell at Fureedpore and the surrounding villages. The rain of the present and preceding week does not appear to have been general; the west and south-west of the district are reported not to have had a fair share. Rice sowing on the high lands in those tracts cannot therefore be carried on. The period is a very critical one, as not only does the lack of rain prevent the early rice sowings, but the late rice, which is the staple crop, is in great danger of being drowned, as the drought has left it in no condition to contend with the fast rising inundation. Some damage was caused last week to the early aous paddy growing on the banks of the river below Goalundo and in the vicinity of Sadarpore, by the rise of the Ganges, which was about 7 feet higher than last year at this period; the rivers have been daily rising till yesterday, and now there is a slight fall. The want of rain is greatly felt for the crops on the high lands throughout the south and west of the district. Coarse rice is dearer throughout the district generally; the greatest rise during the week was at Madareepore, where from 15 seers it has risen to 11 seers per rupee. At Goalundo and Fureedpore prices are the same. The Sub-Divisional Officer of Madareepore ascribes the rise in prices to the high winds which interfere with native mercantile craft crossing the big rivers; also to an apprehension on the part of the people that the harvests of the current year will in a great measure fail on account of the abnormal drought. Servants of all kinds and persons with fixed incomes possessing no fields are the greatest sufferers at the present time, and the price of coarse grain is very high indeed for all such. This is caused by the large purchases made at Goalundo for wards' and other estates.
20	Backergunge, 16th „ „	·5	Hot and dry. Rain much wanted. Sowings seriously retarded by drought; otherwise as usual.
21	Mymensingh ...	.....	Return not received.
22	Sylhet, 16th „ „	7·35	Heavy storms reported pretty nearly all over the district. Weather delightfully cool. The rivers are all open now, and to all appearances the rains may be said to have set in. About three-fourths of the boro crop cut. Kataria and aous (early) cultivation going on very favorably. The heavy rain has done no harm to the amun (late) rice. Everything at present points hopefully to a full sixteen-anna crop this year. District very healthy.

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BEHAR.			
Patna Divn.			
25	Patna, July 31 '80	13·85	Very heavy rain in first half of week; weather now clear and cool. Ample rain has fallen everywhere. Prospects of crops good, except in Barrh, where heavy rain has damaged autumn crops.
	Barrh ...	12·03	
	Behar ...	3·57	
	Dinapore ...	13·58	
26	Gya, „ 31 „	9·40	Weather—cloudy and sunshine. Maximum reading in shade 95·5°. A very heavy fall of rain. Transplanting of late rice going on. Prospects good. Public health generally good.
	Jehanabad ...	12 56	
	Aurungabad ...	6 ·80	
27	Shahabad, „ 31 „	11·63	Weather—cloudy, with frequent showers. To-day (31st) weather fair and warm Prospects of *bhadoi* and paddy crops good.
28	Durbhunga, „ 31 „	4·09	Weather—cloudy. Heavy and continued rain last week. A little harm done to *makai*. Prices stationary. General health good.
29	Mozufferpore, „ 31 „	8·49	Weather—seasonable. Incessant showers and no sunshine during week. Much rain fallen everywhere. Rivers rising and in flood. Rain has ceased this day (31st) without damage to anything but *makai* crop, which is reported to have been injured on low lands.
	Hajeepore ...	13·89	
	Seetamurhee ...	5·55	
30	Sarun, „ 31 „	11·81	Weather—cloudy; clearing since yesterday (30th). Unusually heavy rain general throughout district Autumn crops and paddy damaged, but the extent no known, owing to lands being still under water. Rainfall for July has been 24·71, which is the heaviest fall on record in this month.
	Sewan ...	16·30	
31	Chumparun, „ 1 „	2·5	Weather—heavy showers till 30th; now bright and hot. State and prospects of crops good.
Bhagulpore Divn.			
32	Monghyr, July 31 '80	6 06	Weather—very rainy, with very little sun. It has cleared to-day (31st) All crops promise well, but a little dry weather would be beneficial. Public health continues good. River still rising.
	Begooserai ...	3·73	
	Jamui ...	3·94	
33	Bhagulpore, „ 31 „	3·12	Weather—seasonable. *Bhadoi* prospects excellent. Recent rain has put forward transplanting of rice.
34	Purneah, „ 31 „	8·91	Weather—very wet. Constant light rain from south and south-east. Autumn crops damaged in north-west. Local damage in centre. Generally reports favourable.
	Kissengunge ...	8·32	
	Arrareah ...	16·97	
35	Maldah, „ 31 „	7·71	General rain throughout district which has done great good to rice and other crops. Common rice 20 seers a rupee. Health fair.
36	Sonthal Perghs, „ 31 „	2·65	Weather—showery. Seasonable. State and prospects of crops good.
	Deoghur ...	1·63	
	Godda ...	1·68	
	Pakour ...	2·88	
	Rajmehal ...	3·23	
ORISSA.			
Orissa Divn.			
37	Cuttack ...	... ..	Report not received.
38	Pooree, July. 29 „	2·06	Weather—seasonable. Transplanting and weeding of *sarad* rice plants progressing fast. Miscellaneous crops promising well. A good harvest expected. Common rice sells at 18 to 20 Calcutta seers per rupee. Small-pox still lingers both in city and throughout district. Some cases of cholera also.
	Khoorda ...	2·12	
39	Balasore, „ 30 '80	2·69	Weather—cloudy, with light showers occasionally. Transplanting checked for want of rain in high lands. In centre and south of district prospects generally good. Prices falling. Public health good, except in south, where some cases of cholera reported.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazareebagh, July 30 '80	1·23	Little rain during week, but sky still cloudy. Crops promise well. General health continues good.
41	Lohardugga, „ 31 „	2·71	Weather—seasonable. Prospects of crops continue favourable at head-quarters and improving in Palamow, where, however, more rain wanted. Prices of food-grains show a slight tendency to fall.
42	Singbhoom. „ 30 „	1·62	Weather—seasonable latterly; first part of week bright and hot Want of rain retarding agricultural operations—transplanting and *kurhaning*—particularly in pergunnah Dhalbhoom. Several cases of measles in Chyebassa town. Public health otherwise good.
43	Manbhoom. „ 31 „	1·21	Weather—cool and rainy in north; cloudy, with occasional showers in south. In north there has been good rain, and crops promise well. In south and west weather drier, and field-work retarded. Public health good.
	Govindpore ...	2 38	

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Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops in the different District of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 7th August 1880.

No.	District, and date of return	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
	BENGAL.		
	Western Districts.		
	BURDWAN DIVN.		
1	Burdwan, Aug. 7 '80	2·54	Weather—seasonable. Prospects of crops and public health good.
	Cutwa ...	1·35	
	Culna ...	0·50	
	Raneegunge ...	2·55	
2	Bankoora, „ 7 „	6·22	Weather—heavy showers and cloudy. Rain general, and no further complaint of injury to crops for want of rain. Early rice in ear. Health very good.
	Bishenpore ...	4·15	
	Tehattra ...	3·04	
3	Beerbhoom, „ 7 „	1·32	The light and partial rain of the last three weeks has delayed transplanting, but the weather seems changing now and heavy rain will put everything right.
4	Midnapore, „ 0 „	3·53	Weather—seasonable. State and prospects of crops favourable.
5	Hooghly, „ 7 „	1·64	Weather—cool, with abundant rain. Rice and other crops promise well. Some cases of fever, but public health otherwise good.
	Howrah „ 9 „	4·11	Much rain. State and prospects of crops good.
	Moheshrekha ..	5·23	
	Central Districts.		
	PRESIDENCY DIVN.		
6	24-Pergunnahs, Aug. 7 '80	4·83	Seasonable weather. Rain every day. Prospects of jute and rice crops are excellent; a very good outturn is expected. Fever prevails at head-quarters, Baraset, Bussirhat, and Satkhira.
7	Nuddea, „ 7 „	1·19	Weather—cloudy and rainy. Reports from Kooshtea and Ranaghat favourable. In Bongong, Chooadanga and Meherpore more rain wanted for transplanting late rice. Harvesting of early rice commenced in some parts of each sub-division, and fair outturn expected.
	Kooshtea ...	1·03	
	Meherpore ...	0·20	
	Chooadanga ...	2·07	
	Ranaghat ...	1·08	
	Bongong ...	1·50	
8	Jessore, „ 7 „	1·63	Weather—cloudy and showery. Rivers rising gradually. Harvesting of early paddy continues. Outturn good. Prospects of late rice satisfactory. Indigo fair. A good deal of fever throughout district.
	Jhenida ...	0·44	
	Magoora ...	1·04	
	Narail ..	1·21	
	Khoolna ...	3·60	
	Bagirhat ...	4·06	
9	Moorshedabad, „ 7 „	1·16	Weather—cloudy and sultry. In some parts early paddy being reaped. State of the standing crops good. Fever in some thanas of Sudder.
	RAJSHAHYE AND COOCH BEHAR DIVN.		
10	Dinagepore, Aug. 6 '80	0·31	Slight rain on two days. Weather bright and hot. Half of winter rice transplanted. Prospects of autumn rice good.
11	Rajshahye, „ 7 „	2·26	Weather—showery and cloudy. Condition of crops good. Early rice being cut. Public health good. Rice 17 to 24 seers per rupee.
12	Rungpore, „ 6 „	0·51	Weather—hot and steamy. Crops generally good. More rain wanted. Fever abating.
	Bagdogra ...	1·15	
	Kurigram ...	4·71	
	Gaibanda ..	1·87	
13	Bogra, „ 7 „	1·64	Weather—showery and fairly cool. Harvesting of early rice and jute continues. Transplanting of late rice progresses. Prospects of sugarcane good.
14	Pubna, „ 7 „	0·74	Weather—showery and cloudy. Harvesting of early rice still going on; some will be lost by rivers rising. Public health good.
15	Darjeeling, „ 7 „	1·55	Weather—very warm; sky clear with sunshine, except the last day, which was rainy. In the Terai about half the winter rice seedlings transplanted. The crop of early rice looks promising, and a good outturn is expected. In the Hills rice crop and Indian-corn progressing well. Small-pox at Kalimpong and diphtheria in Sudder station.
16	Julpigoree, „ 7 „	1·97	Weather—very hot and scarcely any rain. Early crops and sugarcane good. Sowings of late rice continue. Jute cutting commenced. Rain much wanted all over district. General health good. Small pox still reported.
	Cooch Behar, „ 5 „	0·52	Weather—very hot and oppressive. No general rain. Local falls here and there. Rain much wanted. Country unusually dry for this time of year. Unless good rain falls soon late rice will suffer much. Jute not good this year. Public health good.
	Dinhatta ...	3·15	
	Mathabhanga ...	1·25	
	Meckligunge ...	2·84	
	Eastern Districts.		
	DACCA DIVN.		
17	Dacca, Aug. 7 '80	3·88	Weather—seasonable. Harvesting of early paddy continues; yield full average. Prospects of late paddy and jute promising. Public health good.
	Moonshigunge (for week ending 4th August.)	3·98	
18	Furreedpore, „ 7 „	0·92	Weather—seasonable, but more rain would be an improvement. State and prospects of crops good. Recent rise in rivers has compensated for deficient rainfall hitherto.
	Goalundo ...	1·20	
	Madaripore ...	1·77	
19	Backergunge, „ 5 „	0·58	Weather—hot and cloudy. Transplanting of late rice progressing. Early rice being cut in parts; prospects good. Cattle disease in two thanas. Two deaths from small-pox in Bawphal.
20	Mymensingh, „ 6 „	1·05	Weather—hot and sultry, with occasional storms. State and prospects of crops good.
21	Tipperah, „ 6 „	2·36	Weather—changeable, with occasional heavy showers. Reaping of early rice continues. Prospects of winter rice good.
	Brahmunberiah ...	2·12	
	Chandpore ...	2·52	

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 23rd May 1874.

Rainfall, Weather and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 30th May 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 2nd* June 1874	2·41	Rain has fallen freely in all parts of the districts but Jehanabad. The standing crops, cotton and teel (oil-seed), have been benefited thereby; sowing of aous or early paddy progressing favorably. Fever as before. Cholera prevalent in the west of the district.
2	Bankoora, 30th May 1874	2·70	Heavy showers fell on different dates throughout the district. Temperature much lower. The general rain has rendered cultivation everywhere possible. The aous or early paddy is being sown and ploughing progressing. Indigo is flourishing. Small-pox and cholera still prevalent.
3	Beerbhoom, 30th „ „	2·06	Damp and cool. Rain has fallen. Prospects improved by the change in the weather, which enables the cultivators to commence ploughing. No crops on the ground except teel (oilseed), which is being gathered, proving about a 6-anna crop. Exportation by rail for week ending 23rd May, 2,866 maunds, chiefly to Bhagulpore Division. Prices shew a downward tendency.
4	Midnapore, 30th „ „	03·6	Only a third of an inch of rain fell in the Sudder Station, and at Tumlook; nearly a full inch at Garbetta and Contai. News from the north-west of the district show a copious rainfall, and the rivers are rising. Rain has fallen most copiously where it was most needed, viz. all along the north. Ploughing there is going on freely, and the prospects are wonderfully improved, especially aous or early rice and amun or late sowings and indigo. If more rain falls by the 10th June the prospects of the season will be good.
5	Hooghly, 30th „ „	·71	Cloudy and stormy. Wind from south and south-east. A heavy shower commenced on the evening of the 30th May. Three inches of rainfall between four and five that evening; good for crops, but the Collector fears injury to Government grain in transport.
	Howrah, 30th „ „	·50	There was a little rain on the 25th and 26th May throughout the district. Weather sultry and at times cloudy; wind generally from the south. The ryots have finished reaping boro paddy. They are sowing aous or early rice, and preparing lands for amun or late rice; but rain is still wanted; the rain has not been sufficient. Shampore, Khanacool, and Jugutbullubpore complain of want of rain. Sugarcane, jute, and teel (oil-seed) are also suffering for want of rain.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 2nd† June 1874.	1·02	Days hot, evenings generally cloudy, and nights close. Rain has fallen throughout the district during the week, and, except in Diamond Harbour and Satkhira, the showers have been heavy. These have done much good; the early rice and jute sowings have now nearly been completed. A few deaths from cholera reported from thanas Bankipore and Muthoorapore. The disease has abated in thana Hurwah, but a few cases are still reported from Baduria. Fever continues in Barripore.
7	Nuddea, 30th May 1874	2 38	There has been generally sufficient rain for the present. The rice and indigo are getting on very well. The Collector has heard that a little early rice has been sown a second time in consequence of the failure of moisture, but this was very exceptional. So far prospects, on the whole, are good. Prices, however, are continuing to rise slowly. Cholera has almost disappeared.
8	Jessore, 30th „ „	2·42	Cloudy, with thunder and lightning and showers of rain, which have been very general throughout the district. The copious rainfall amounting in some places to as much as four and five inches during the week has been very beneficial. There is, however, some fear, owing to the lateness of the sowing, of injury from early inundation, especially to indigo and rice, should the rivers rise early this year. There has been a very marked rise in prices throughout the district during the week.
RAJSHAHYE DIVISION. 9	Moorshedabad, 23rd „ „	3·16	Rain on three days of the week, and heavy clouds throughout. Temperature somewhat cooled. The seedlings of both the early and late rice are looking extremely well. The heavy storm reported last week passed over a large area; much harm was done to mangos, a very large number of which were blown down. Prices have not risen much since the last report, excepting at Rampore Haut, where there has been a considerable rise. Cholera and small-pox still prevalent in parts of the district.
10	Dinagepore, 30th „ „	3·32	Rain general throughout the district. The boro paddy nearly all cut; the crop is a very good one. The rain has done immense good to the bhadoi or early crop, which was in some parts beginning to suffer from want of moisture.
11	Maldah, 30th „ „	2·71	Cloudy and rainy, cool easterly winds. There has been rain throughout the district; the only place where it has not been sufficient is Thana Kaliachack. The bhadoi or early crop now promises to be a very good one. Coarse rice is cheaper—12 seers for the rupee.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
RAJSHAHYE DIVN.—(*Contd.*) 12	Rajshahye, 30th May 1874	6·02	There has been heavy rain all over the district on several days since the 24th May. The rain of the last five days has made a material change in the prospects of the growing crops, the condition of which is now most hopeful. In some of the lower lying parts of the district, there has been as much rain as is needed at present, and a further fall, without an interval of dry weather, will not be beneficial to the growing plants, and will also interfere with ploughing. The boro paddy is still being reaped. In the north-west of the district this crop was a good deal injured by a heavy storm of wind and rain of some seven hours' duration on the 24th May. In a few places prices have risen slightly during the week, the effects of the late rain not having been felt as yet. Cholera and small-pox have considerably abated.
13	Rungpore, 30th „ „	5·90	Heavy storms and much rain all over the district. The rain has done much good to the rice crop. Millet is being harvested, and the early rice is being cut in many places and brought to market. Much damage was done in the south to the millet and rice for want of rain, but now matters are improving; some early rice has been destroyed by inundation from the Brahmaputer river. Prices still high, Rs. 5 to 6 per maund.
14	Bogra, 30th „ „	4·53	Seasonable. Prospects of the early rice good.
15	Pubna, 30th „ „	8·68	Heavy rain on 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 27th May. The clouds have, however, at present cleared off and the weather seems to have set in fair The late rain has been very favorable to cultivation; sowing of aous or early rice and early amun or late rice is going on vigorously. Some of the young plants in the low lands are said to have suffered from too much rain. The aous or early rice already sown looks very well. Health of the district good.
COOCH BEHAR DIVN. 16	Darjeeling, 30th „ „	1·04	In the hills there have been good showers daily throughout the week. In the plains there have been frequent rains. The Indian-corn in the hills looks very well and a splendid crop is hoped for. Potatoes are not so promising, but no serious complaints are heard of it. The rain has done great benefit to the crops in the Terai. The bhadoi or early rice promises well, and rapid preparations are being made for the later crops.
17	Julpigoree, 30th „ „	7·26	Hot, sultry, with occasional storms. Rain has fallen. Kowni (millet) good. Bhadoi or early rice progressing very favorably. Jute promising.
	Cooch Behar, 30th „ „	5·70	Cool for this time of the year. Several thunder storms. Rain has fallen. Reaping cheena (millet) is nearly over, reaping kowni (millet) is going on; the harvest of both is good. Aous or early rice prospects very good. The earliest kind is being reaped in the south.
	Eastern Districts.		
DACCA DIVISION. 18	Dacca, 2nd* June 1874	6·23	Rain has fallen. Weather very hot last four days. State of crops very good. The only fear now is, a too sudden rise of the rivers.
19	Fureedpore, 30th May 1874.	9·74	Nearly ten inches of rain fell during the week at the head-quarters, and the accounts from every part of the district show that heavy rain has been general. The rain has done much good to the country; sowing everywhere, excepting in the very high lands, about ¼ of the entire area of the district, have been completed; should the bright dry weather now being experienced continue for two or three days longer, the area remaining to be planted out will be finished. Price of coarse rice has fallen slightly at Fureedpore on account of larger imports, remains the same at Madareepore and Bhanga, and has risen slightly at Goalundo and Gopalgunge; the rise is in consequence of large purchases having been made, and at Goalundo the stormy weather having prevented the native craft from venturing on the river.
20	Backergunge, 23rd May 1874.	Nil	Very hot. There has been rain in some parts of the district, and where this has occurred, the crops are good; for instance, the crops are generally good in Dakhin Shabazpore and in the Mendigunge Thana. In the former place, and also in some other parts of the district, the high tides have partially made up for the want or insufficiency of rain. In Gournadi Thana and in the country round about Burisal the prospects are unfavorable.
21	Mymensingh 30th May 1874.	3·35	Rain on five days of the week. The weather is fine and seems likely to continue so at present. The river has risen very much. The condition of the crops is good, and the rain has had a beneficial effect; but the unusual rise of the river causes some apprehension that the aous or early crop on the low chur lands will be inundated and destroyed.
22	Sylhet, 23rd May 1874	5·20	Heavy rain and severe storms all over the district; weather hot at the latter end of the week. The crops on the low land are slightly injured through the heavy rains lately. Boro paddy cut, outturn very good. The sowing and transplanting of the early and *kataria* crops progressing. About 3,500 maunds of rice, 10,000 maunds of paddy, exported during the week. District on the whole healthy.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Eastern Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 23	Chittagong, 23rd May 1874.	1·20	A good fall of rain, with wind: thunder and lightning at Sudder Station on the morning of the 22nd. In other parts of the Sudder Sub-division rain fell on various dates within the week. None reported from Cox's Bazar up to 20th. Weather otherwise breezy and very hot. The rain has done much good to the young paddy. Ploughing going on actively. Cholera still very prevalent all over the district.
24	Noakholly, 23rd May 1874	0·3	Weather hot; storm and rain on the 22nd May. Sudharam.—The moong (pulse) have yielded and the chilly crops are expected to yield an average produce of 8 annas, and the sesamum (oil-seed), not yet ripened, 4 annas. The sowing of the aous or early paddy is progressing and the land is being ploughed for sowing the amun or late rice. Bamney.—The sowing of the early rice is completed and that of the late rice commenced. The plants are doing well. Sundeep.—Rain has done much good to the young early rice. Luskerpore.—The sowing of the early rice completed and that of the late rice commenced; about 12 annas of the moong (pulse) reaped; the chilly and sesamum (oil-seed) are doing well. Begumgunge.—Reaping of the chilly nearly completed, sowing of the late rice commenced and that of the early rice completed. Crops look well, but require more rain. Ramgunge.—Sowing of the early rice completed, that of the late rice progressing. Moong (pulse) and chilly reaped. Sesamum (oil-seed) getting on well.
25	Tipperah, 30th „ „	9·87	Very heavy rain, violent storms, looks like the commencement of the rainy season. Most of the early and late rice has been sown; as far as the season has gone, nothing can be better than the prospects of these crops.
26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 23rd May 1874.	.....	Cloudy and sultry. No change to report. Sowing still going on.
	Hill Tipperah, 23rd May 1874.	Nil	There has been no rain at Head-quarters during the week, but there has evidently been some in the interior, as the air has been cooler than before. More rain is very much wanted. Ploughing is still going on, and about head-quarters the young paddy is coming up about 4 or 5 inches above ground. In some places it looks withering and dried up from want of moisture, but there is every appearance of rain coming shortly.
BEHAR.			
PATNA DIVISION. 27	Patna 1st June 1874 ...	Nil	Hot, with strong east wind. No rain at head-quarters, but slight falls have been reported from different parts of the interior. The cheena (millet) is being cut. No other crops on the ground. Health of the district good, though cases of small-pox are still reported from the city.
28	Gya, 30th May 1874	·07	Hot. No crops on the ground except sugarcane. Rain much wanted. Health good. Small-pox still prevails.
29	Shahabad, 30th „ „	Nil	Prevailing wind east. Very hot weather, at times threatening; a little rain fell on Sunday the 24th May, and some hail to the north-east of the district. No change since last week. Sugarcane, cheena (millet) and vegetables on the ground are doing well. Mango crop promising. Rain required to commence ploughing for the bhadoi or early crops. Small-pox still prevalent.
30	Tirhoot, 30th „ „	0·9	Excessively hot, east wind prevailing. The rainfall in the Hajeepore Sub-division was too partial to do much good to the crops, except those in the chur lands. In the high lands it will have done more harm than good by caking the ground. The low-lying moong (pulse) and paddy will have benefited by it. In the Mudhoobunnee Sub-division 1·06 inches of rain fell and has done much good to the paddy and bhadoi or early crops, as well as to the indigo crop. The people have commenced to sow paddy in low land, but more rain is wanted soon. No report has been received from Durbhunga and Tajpore Sub-divisions. Want of rain is much felt in the Sudder Sub-division. At Seetamurhee Sub-division station the rainfall was 0·82. An inch of rain fell at Dynchapra and two inches at Syedpore on the 23rd May, and half an inch at Amooa and Seetamurhee; on the 25th May also three-quarter inch fell. The rain has done great good; sowing is going on extensively. Many of the petty ryots have deserted relief works for their own fields. Prices remain stationary. Cholera has broken out in some parts of the town of the Sudder Sub-division.
31	Sarun, 30th „ „	Nil	Hot and clear, with occasional clouds. East wind prevailing. From Police and Sewan Sub-Divisional Officers' reports it appears that on the 25th May there was a good fall of rain within the jurisdiction of thanas Baragaon and Borowlee and over the northern and eastern portions of thana Sewan, and slight rain in Dorowlee. The rain has been of very great benefit to the crops, where the fall was sufficiently heavy, and will enable the ryots of those parts to sow the remaining lands for the bhadoi (early) crops. The sub-divisional officer adds that kodo and other seeds, which were sown in anticipation of rain, will not germinate well. In other portions of the district, however, there was no rain, though it is most anxiously looked for. The continued drought and excessive heat are proving very injurious to all crops. Indigo prospects continue to be unfavorable. Cheena (millet) in various stages of growth. A large number of mangos have been blown down by the recent high winds. Agricultural operations altogether suspended. Prices steady.
32	Chumparun, 30th „ „	1·50	Rain on the 23rd, 25th, and 29th May. Temperature much lower since the rain. East winds. The rain was more or less general throughout the district, and has been of great benefit to the paddy and bhadoi or early sowings, which are now being pushed on briskly.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 33	Monghyr, 30th May 1874	1·67	Strong easterly winds; heavy rain on the 23rd and 25th May. Weather cool and cloudy. Very little on the ground. Ploughing is going on actively. If more rain comes within a week, a vast area will be sown down.
34	Bhagulpore, 2nd* June 1874.	·58	On 23rd, 24th, and 28th May rain over all Muddehpoora and north and east parts of Soopool Sub-divisions; very favorable to all crops and cultivation. Ryots engaged in cultivating. Cholera reported from Kootri. Health elsewhere very good.
35	Purneah, 30th May 1874	0·36	Warm, strong easterly winds. Rain general throughout the district on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th May. The bhadoi or early sowings are everywhere going on briskly. The rains, especially heavy in the Arrareah, Kusba Amour, and Kissengunge divisions, have benefited the crops immensely. More rain is wanted in the Sudder Sub-division, where the rainfall has been slight. Kowni (millet) harvested, and is giving a fair yield. Very little sickness reported.
36	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 30th May 1874.	1·21	Pretty constant shower and heavy clouds; temperature variable; intensely hot before showers, and cool after. Wind in the beginning of the week with thunder and lightning. Still dry at Godda. A little rain at Rajmehal and a little more at Deoghur. Ploughing going on fitfully; ground still hard. Sowing begun. 29th and 30th May clouds all gone. The sun is bright and hot, but the breeze not so hot.
ORISSA.			
ORISSA DIVISION. 37	Cuttack, 2nd* June 1874	.....	Rain and storms in several places on 29th and 30th May. Ploughing actively progressing. Cholera in a few places. Public health generally good.
38	Pooree, 23rd May 1874	Nil	Hot and occasionally cloudy, but no rain. The harvest of the dalua rice has been very nearly completed and the crop is good. Cotton is being gathered with a fair outturn. Mangos are ripe, but the crop is poor. Agricultural operations are at a standstill, and sowing of the paddy has not yet been commenced for want of rain, which is urgently required. Sugarcane is doing well. Purchase of rice for export continues on a moderate scale, and prices are almost stationary. Public health generally good.
39	Balasore, 30th „ „	·54	Cloudy, with wind and rain. The week has been marked by timely and useful showers. Tillage is progressing vigorously. Cultivators are everywhere ploughing in their manure, except where early rice is being sown. Cholera disappearing.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazareebagh, 30th May 1874.	1·33	Storms. Rain has fallen. Sowing has commenced, and has been greatly facilitated by opportune storms, which have fallen generally and heavily throughout the district during the week. The people are deserting the Government works for their own cultivation. Works are, however, still being carried on.
41	Lohardugga, 30th May 1874.	1·20	Weather stormy with south-west winds; there has been rain on three days during the week. Sowing is going on generally in Chota Nagpore Proper. The late rains will prove very beneficial. Jungle produce is very abundant this year, particularly the serai, or fruit of sâl tree, which is largely consumed by the poorer classes. Small-pox is still very prevalent in parts, but otherwise the general health is good. Prices appear to have a tendency to fall.
42	Singbhoom, 30th May 1874.	1·54	Cooler and cloudy. Heavy rain fell on the night of 26th May, sufficient for all field operations, which are going on all round.
43	Manbhoom, 30th May 1874.	·69	Stormy with occasional showers of rain. The showers of rain which have fallen have been welcomed both by man and beast. They have cooled the atmosphere, refreshed the withering grass, and checked the ravages of cholera, and have enabled the cultivators to plough and sow the early crops, and given hopes and restored confidence for the future. More rain, however, is wanted to enable the crops which have been sown to germinate freely. Cholera is still bad in some villages, but has abated in those between Barrakun and Rughoonathpore, where it first broke out.

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Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 6th June 1874.

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BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 8th* June 1874	1·4	Rain has fallen in all the sub-divisions except Jehanabad, but still more is wanted. Sowing of aous or early paddy going on extensively. Prices slightly higher in Burdwan and Raneegunge. Fever decreasing; cholera prevalent in the west of the district.
2	Bankoora, 6th „ „	2·61	Generally showery and cool. The rains have apparently set in. Agricultural operations progressing favorably. Aous or early paddy seedlings have sprouted in many places. Cholera and small-pox still prevalent.
3	Beerbhoom, 6th „ „	2·10	Rainy in the former and clear in the latter part of the week. No change since last report; planting out of sugarcane commenced. Export by rail, 3,866 maunds, chiefly to Bhagulpore Division. Prices slightly risen.
4	Midnapore, 6th „ „	0·55	There have been heavy showers in many places in the district, but more rain at the Sudder Station and to the west of it needed. As reports come in, it appears that the showers are so partial, that while some places have had an abundant rainfall, others, a few miles off, have had nothing to speak of. At the present moment prospects vary precisely as the rain falls. Where the soil is well saturated they are as good as can be desired; where the ground is hard, the people are in great anxiety. Cholera is very prevalent, and will be so till the first heavy fall of rain.
5	Hooghly, 6th „ „	.....	Cloudy and sunshine alternately; no rain; high wind ceased. Heavy dark clouds come up almost every evening from south-east; slight shower at noon of the 6th June; 1·28 inches of rain at Serampore. There have been showers at different places, but more rain is urgently wanted. Early rice and the seedlings of the late rice are being planted here and there, but it is now getting rather late to sow the early rice.
	Howrah, 6th „ „	·99	During the week there was rain more or less for two days throughout the district. Weather clear and at times cloudy. Wind generally from the south. The late rain has done much good throughout the district. The amun or late rice seedlings have been sown, and so have the aous or early rice and jute. Everywhere the ryots are ploughing land for transplanting the late rice. The young sugarcane plants are reviving.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 8th† June 1874.	1·43	Hot, and occasionally rainy. Rain has fallen throughout the district. The early rice plants are coming out fairly. Amun or late rice sowings have commenced in some places. More rain wanted in parts of Satkhira sub-division. The harvest of boro rice will soon commence. Jute plants doing tolerably well. A few cases of cholera reported from Mathoorapore, Baduria, and Nyhatty. Fever still prevailing at Barripore.
7	Nudden, 6th June 1874	1·15	Seasonable. The prospects of the rice, both early and late, and of indigo, are at present excellent. The rain has been sufficient, but not excessive, and comes after intervals of fine weather. The weather could not be more favorable, yet increase of distress must be looked for till the early rice is reaped. Distress is reported in two villages in Gangni thana. Prices have a slight tendency to rise.
8	Jessore, 6th „ „	2·26	Cloudy, with rain in moderate quantity. The prospects are good. Prices have, however, risen largely during the week, owing to the demand for exportation to other districts.
RAJSHAHYE DIVISION. 9	Moorshedabad, 6th „ „	0·21	There was some more rain during the week, but not general. In the west, heavy rain fell on the 4th June. The temperature is cooler; heavy showers fell on the afternoon of the 6th. The rice crops are progressing very favorably. In some parts aous or early rice is rather advanced for this time of the year. The amun or late rice nurseries are being prepared, and much of the crop has been sown broadcast. Other crops, such as mulberry and sugarcane, are in good condition. Prices have been almost stationary since last report. Small-pox and cholera are on the decrease.
10	Dinagepore, 6th „ „	1·6	Very general and mostly heavy rain. The bhadoi or early crop is all saved, and promises well.
11	Maldah, 6th „ „	0·27	Cloudy, westerly winds; rain seems to have fallen all over the district. The prospects of the crops throughout the district are very good, except in Kaliachuck, where, owing to the scarcity of rainfall, the bhadoi or early and indigo crops do not promise well. The whole of the boro rice has been harvested, and the outturn is a good one.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
RAJSHAHYE DIVN.—(*Contd.*) 12	Rajshahye, 6th June 1874	·07	There has been very slight rain during the week in the Tannore quarter only. There have been considerable sowings of aous or early rice since the late rains, and the sowings are now almost completed. The condition of the growing paddy is excellent, and there is no immediate need more of rain. A very good teel (oil-seed) crop (a little less than a full crop) is ripe and being reaped in some places; other crops, such as indigo, mulberry, and sugarcane are doing well. Prices have not fallen in consequence of the rain of last week, as it was expected that they would do; on the contrary, rice is on all sides dearer than it was, the cause of this being probably a considerable falling off in importation. Small-pox and cholera have almost ceased.
13	Rungpore, 6th „ „	5·84	Much rain during the nights, and days hot. Crops all in excellent condition. To the south much improvement in prospects of early rice. Much rice is now cut and brought to market; the late rice is sown in many places, and transplanting begun here and there. Jute and sugarcane flourishing. Prices lower: Rs. 4 to 5-8 per maund.
14	Bogra, 6th „ „	·05	Seasonable. The prospects of the crops are very good. There was propitious rain, which has, it is hoped, made the aous or early rice crop secure. Ploughing for the winter crops has begun.
15	Pubna, 6th „ „	0·32	Slight rain on the 4th June; no change in weather since last report. Most of the aous or early, and amun or late paddy, has been sown, and looks promising; teel (oil-seed) and jallye paddy are being harvested.
COOCH BEHAR DIVN. 16	Darjeeling, 6th „ „	1·06	Moderate showers of rain have continued to fall during the week both on the hills and on the plains, and have done much good. The bhadoi or early paddy is making very good progress. Kowni (millet) is being reaped. Heoti or winter paddy has been sown. Rice was little cheaper at the hâts during the week owing to Government rice having reached the district.
17	Julpigoree, 6th „ „	5·49	There have been heavy showers of rain during the week, with bright sunny days intervening—the very best weather that could be for the rice crop at this season. Bhadoi or early crop everywhere promising remarkably well. The jameera paddy, a very small crop, is in ear, and will be cut in about 20 days. There is very little of this crop grown in the district. Hymuntee or late rice sowings going on, and the promise is good. Jute crop progressing very well; sugarcane the same. Kowni (millet) being cut; crop middling only. In fact, nothing could be wished for better than the present promise of all crops.
	Cooch Behar, 6th „ „	6·59	Heavy rain on several days. Reaping of the kowni (millet) is going on. The prospects of the aous or early rice continue to be excellent. Amun or late rice is being planted out in the low grounds.
	Eastern Districts.		
DACCA DIVISION. 18	Dacca, 8th* June 1874	0·08	Weather very hot; few showers of rain. Prospects of crops most favorable. The rivers have slightly fallen.
19	Fureedpore, 6th June 1874.	Nil	First five days of the week bright and sunny weather, all that could be desired for the crops; since the 5th June it has been cloudy. 6th.—Every sign of rain, which will probably fall before close of the day. Sowings almost everywhere completed, and the present condition and prospects of the rice crops are most favorable. Prices of coarse rice have fallen at Fureedpore and at Goalundo, whence the sub-divisional officer writes that a large stock has accumulated. At Madaripore and Gopalgunge prices are stationary; at Bhangah, however, owing to decreased importation and villagers not selling their stocks, there has been a rise.
20	Backergunge, 30th May 1874.	3·69	Cool, and occasionally rainy. Favorable. The rain has come in time to save the aous or early rice crop.
21	Mymensingh, 6th June 1874.	0·40	Weather generally hot and dry. Rain on two days of the week. The river has fallen during the last few days. There was heavy rain in the sudder station on the 6th June, besides what is shown in this return. Accounts from all the sub-divisions state that more rain is wanted. There has been partial damage to the teel (oil-seed) and early crops on the low lands, from the sudden rise of the river. The aous or early rice is, however, generally in a very satisfactory state, and the outturn promises to be an excellent one. The crop in the east and centre of the district is unusually forward. The health of the district is generally good.
22	Sylhet, 30th May 1874	4·10	Rather sultry at the close of the week. The rivers are falling a little owing to the break of dry weather. Prospects of crops much the same as last week. The dry weather has enabled the ryots to plant out more extensively. Crops promise well. The price of rice has fallen a little. Exportations slack; about 3,000 maunds of rice and 10 to 12,000 maunds of paddy. A few cases of cholera and small-pox reported by the Police, but the district is on the whole very healthy. The cattle disease at Gwineghat in Jaintiâ has carried off a good many heads of cattle.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Eastern Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
Chittagong Divn. 23	Chittagong, 30th May 1874.	9·42	Hot and fine in the day; heavy rain generally at night, up to the 28th May. The fall seems to have been general over the sudder sub-division. From Cox's Bazar only 1·62 inches reported up to the 27th. The rain has been most beneficial to the young paddy, which is coming on well. Field work going on actively. From the last reports cholera seems to be abating.
24	Noakholly, 30th May 1874	4·04	Early part of the week cloudy and rainy, latter part very hot and close. Sowing of aous or early rice completed, and that of amun or late rice commenced. The rain has done much good to the young plants.
25	Tipperah, 6th June 1874	·90	Hot still and muggy, with a few slight showers of rain; sun very powerful. The sowings of the aous or early rice have been quite completed, those of the amun or late rice nearly so. Up to the present, the prospects of these two great rice crops are as good as they can be.
26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 30th May 1874.	6·62	Occasional falls of rain throughout the whole week, with constant heavy squalls. The hillmen are busily engaged in sowing their jooms. The seeds sown last week have germinated.
	Hill Tipperah, 30th May 1874.	5·39	There has been abundance of rain over the district during the week, which has done an immensity of good. The young paddy is coming up and everywhere looks well. A break in the rains may now be expected, as sufficient has fallen for the crops, provided the regular rains come on in about a fortnight.
BEHAR.			
Patna Division. 27	Patna, 8th June 1874	·50	Weather seasonable, with strong east winds. There has been much more rain generally throughout the district than there has been at head-quarters. Lands being prepared everywhere for the *burhai* sowings, prices at head-quarters fallen in consequence. Health of the district good.
28	Gya, 6th „ „	0·77	Stormy. A little rain throughout the district. No crops on ground except sugarcane and a little murwa and cheena (millet). Ploughing commenced generally. Health of the district good.
29	Shahabad, 6th „ „	1·05	Rain fell on the 2nd June. Weather unsettled and uncloudy; east wind prevalent. Sufficient rain has fallen in the district to allow land to be prepared for the bhadoi or early crops. Cheena (millet) still being gathered. Small-pox still prevalent.
30	Tirhoot, 6th „ „	1·37	Weather close and sultry; east wind prevailing, and cloudy in the night. In Mudhoobunnee sub-division 1·73″ rain fell during the week. Rice and murwa (millet) have been sown in many places; the other lands are being got ready, but a great deal of hard rice land is as yet unploughed. Some of the crops now sown will be ripe by the end of August if all goes well. No report has been received from Hajeepore, but the reports from Seetamurhee are favorable; the rain has enabled the people to sow Indian-corn largely; also about a quarter of the paddy lands are sown. Rice seedlings are placed nearly ready for transplanting. In the sudder sub-division rainfall on the 3rd was ·37 and on 4th 1·12″, and in many places the ryots have commenced sowing makai (Indian-corn) and murwa (millet). In Tezpore sub-division there was rain on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, but it varied very much locally; in the north it was sufficient for the sowing of makai (Indian-corn); everywhere it has facilitated the preparation of land. In Durbhunga, the rain has materially improved the paddy that has been sown; it is feared that in some places, if general rain comes on, the lower land will be submerged, and no paddy sown; this refers more particularly to Singhia and part of Beherah.
31	Sarun, 6th „ „	·72	Hot, with occasional clouds; east wind prevailing. The rain was more or less general, though partial, throughout the district, and has been of very great benefit to the crops where the fall was sufficiently heavy. The ryots are engaged in preparing their lands for the next sowings. Bhadoi or early and aghani or late rice are now being sown. Cheena (millet) in various stages of growth, and is a fair crop where irrigated. Mango crop in places ripening. More rain is anxiously looked for. Prices have slightly fallen.
32	Chumparun, 6th „ „	·69	Seasonable. No material change since last week. Agricultural operations going on well. Prospects getting better.
Bhagulpore Divn. 33	Monghyr, 6th „ „	0·58	Rain all over the district except Bukhtiarpore; local, and on different dates. Strong easterly wind. Storm on Monday. Heavy rain on Friday night. Very little crops on the ground. Ploughing commenced in earnest since the first rain. Every probability of a favorable sowing season.
34	Bhagulpore, 8th June 1874	1·05	Rain has fallen in the sudder sub-division; at Banka sub-division ·11; at Soopeol 3·29. Other returns not received. Prospects of crops improved. General health good. Cholera ceased at Katooria.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
Bhagulpore Divn. 35	Purneah, 6th June 1874	4·04	The rains appear to have set in. The sowing of the bhadoi or early crop has been finished; that of aughanee or late rice in progress. Moong (pulse) and kowni (millet) have been gathered; yield good. Makai (Indian-corn) has been largely sown. Jute and sugarcane promise well.
Bhagulpore Divn. 36	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 6th June 1874.	·48	Wind variable; clouds gathering and dispersing. Very good shower on the 5th June. Air unusually clear. Showers constantly seen somewhere on the hills. Ploughing and sowing going on. A very little rain reported from Rajmehal. Ploughing going on there. Nothing to report about any crop.
ORISSA.			
Orissa Division. 37	Cuttack, 8th* June 1874	.....	Frequent and copious rain. Weather cloudy. Sowing going on. Prices of food-grains stationary. Public health generally good.
Orissa Division. 38	Pooree, 30th May 1874	·35	Hot, and occasionally cloudy, with a little rain on 24th, 25th, and 28th May. The harvest of the dulua rice has been completed, with a good outturn. Cotton is being gathered, with a fair outturn. Mangoes are ripe, but the crop is poor. Agricultural operations are being slowly resumed where rain has fallen and sowings of paddy commenced on low lands. More rain is required and expected. Sugarcane is doing well. Purchases of rice for export continue on a moderate scale, and prices are almost stationary. Public health good.
Orissa Division. 39	Balasore, 6th June 1874	Nil	Cloudy and threatening, but without any rain beyond a mere sprinkling. Prospects of crops not so favorable as last week, since when there has been no rain worth mention; moreover, the northern and south-eastern portions of the district got scarcely any of the rain which benefited the centre of the district last week. Tillage and sowing are thrown back accordingly, and rain is anxiously awaited. Cholera has broken out in several places with some severity. It is hoped that it will cease with the first good fall of rain.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazareebagh, 6th June 1874.	2·71	In the course of the last six days there has been abundant rain. Bright and clear on the 6th June. Ploughing and sowing are going on merrily. Ryots and others are beginning to ask for advances. The popular idea is that the rain has come at the time when it is most valuable.
41	Lohardugga, 6th June 1874.	1·96	Weather stormy, cool, and pleasant; the rain appears to have been general. The cultivating season has opened most favorably, and the prospects at present are all that could be desired. The gora paddy and goondli have been sown, and agricultural operations are being actively carried on. Jungle produce is very abundant this year, particularly the "serai," or fruit of the sál tree, which is largely consumed, together with mohwa, by the poorer classes. In Palamow sub-division good rain has fallen, and the goondli and sawan crops are being sown; and a large number of the laborers have left the relief works for the fields. Small-pox is prevalent, but otherwise the general health is good. Prices have a tendency to fall.
42	Singbhoom, 6th June 1874.	0·47	Cloudy, with occasional light showers during the week. All going on well. Sowings and ploughing going on. Small-pox reported from Seraikilla.
43	Manbhoom, 6th June 1874.	1·46	Showery, cool, and seasonable. The timely showers of rain which have fallen during the week have enabled the cultivators to plough up their lands and sow the early rice, millet, grass-seeds, and Indian-corn. They have also made the grass grow for the cattle, and partly refilled the tanks and reservoirs. Cholera has also decreased, and the general prospects of the country very much improved,

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Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 13th June 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division. 1	Burdwan, 15th* June 1874	1·11	Rain has fallen in all the sub-divisions except Cutwa and Jehanabad. The fall at Culna has been 3·32 inches. Sowings of paddy are going on all over the district, and in some places the seedlings are well above ground. Cholera abating. Fever as before.
2	Bankoora, 13th „ „	0·75	Partial showers throughout the district; weather cool. Agricultural operations going on well. Aous or early rice seedlings flourishing. Cholera and small-pox considerably abated.
3	Beerbhoom, 13th „ „	1·48	Cool and showery. Prospects good all round so far. Export of week ending 6th June, 4,806½ maunds, chiefly to the Bhagulpore Division. Prices almost stationary with downward tendency.
4	Midnapore, 13th „ „	0·35	Rain has fallen more copiously in the south of the district; nearly three inches at Contai, and nearly three at Tumlook, but none at Gurbetta, and very little in the north. Weather is however cool. There are very few places now in which the cultivators have not been able to plough, and the aous or early rice is doing pretty well. Prices have risen in ten out of twenty-five thanas, remaining stationary in the rest. The town is still suffering from cholera, with an average of five seizures daily.
5	Hooghly, 13th „ „	1·	Cloudy and sunshine alternately. Rain fell on the 9th, 11th, and 12th June. Wind from south and south-east. In Serampore several showers of rain fell. Showers have fallen at different places all over the district. The sowing of the aous or early, and amun or late, rice seedlings is going on.
	Howrah, 13th „ „	1·44	There was more or less rain throughout the district during the week, except in Jugutbullubpore, where it is reported there was hardly any rain. Weather sultry and at times cloudy; winds generally from the south. The late rain has been of great benefit generally throughout the district. The amun or late paddy seedlings have been sown. The aous or early paddy and jute have also been sown, and are doing well. Everywhere the ryots are ploughing land for transplanting the late rice. The young sugarcane plants are reviving. More rain, however, wanted, especially at Jugutbullubpore and a portion of Domjoor, where the rain has not been so plentiful as in other parts of the district.
	Central Districts.		
Presidency Division. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 15th† June 1874.	1·34	Showery; hot in the intervals. The prospects of the early rice crop are good, though more rain is still wanted in places. The sowing of the amun or late rice in nurseries has commenced in Diamond Harbour, and in some places the seed has already germinated. Cholera is prevalent in parts of the Sultanpore thana, but has abated in Baduria. Fever in Barripore is reported on the decrease.
7	Nuddea, 13th June 1874	1·43	Occasional rain. Everything is most promising. The rain appears to fall just as it is required. There is a little deficiency in seed for the late rice crops; measures are being taken to supply this through zemindars. Public health good.
8	Jessore, 13th „ „	2·69	Cloudy, with occasional showers mostly about noon. No change since last week. The early rice has been mostly sown, and the crops, though late, promise well. Prices after the rise in the two preceding weeks have since fluctuated a little, but without further material rise or fall.
Rajshahye Division. 9	Moorshedabad, 13th „ „	2·42	A heavy rainfall and thunder-storm on the night of the 11th June; cool for this period of the year. The crops are looking well, and have been much benefited by the rain. Prices show no change since last report, excepting a slight improvement in the Sudder Bazar. Cholera and small-pox decreasing.
10	Dinagepore, 12th „ „	2·58	Rain throughout the district. The weather has been most seasonable and all that could be desired for the bhadoi or early and jute crops. Lands are everywhere being broken up for the winter crop, and seed sown in seed-beds.
11	Maldah, 13th „ „	0·80	Cloudy and rainy. The prospects of the bhadoi or early crops are very good. Cultivation for the hymunty or winter crops has begun. The price of rice is 11½ seers per rupee of the coarse sort and 9½ of the best sort.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
RAJSHAHYE DIVN.—(*Contd.*) 12	Rajshahye, 13th June 1874.	1·62	All parts of the district except the south-western quarters have had rains during the week. The coming aous or early rice crop is reported to be in excellent order, and to have benefited largely by the recent rain. The amun or late rice, which has been within the last fifteen days sown on high spots, has come up freely, and is growing well. There have been extensive sowings of both the early and late rice since the rain has begun to fall steadily. The teel (oil-seed) is now very nearly all off the ground and has been an abundant crop. Oil is considerably cheaper than it was last year. Jute in the north of the district has failed to a partial extent, and in some places fresh sowings of it are being made. Mangoes are plentiful and cheap, and are of much assistance to the people as a food article. Prices are high, and in some places have risen since last report, especially in those not easily accessible to importation. A very few cases of cholera and small-pox are now reported.
13	Rungpore, 12th June 1874	0·35	More rain has fallen to the east and south; the fall has been very general. All crops have progressed very much. Millets are in the markets in great quantity, and early rice in many parts. The sowing and planting out of the late rice is being vigorously proceeded with.
14	Bogra, 13th „ „	5·56	Seasonable. The aous or early rice crop looks excellent. A good crop of boro rice has just been reaped. The ploughing for the amun or late rice has begun. The rains have set in seasonably.
15	Pubna, 13th „ „	1·10	Weather generally dry. Slight showers of rain every other day, which have been most favorable to the growing crops. The teel (oil-seed) crop is nearly all cut. It is an average crop. Jally paddy has nearly been all cut. The early aous is looking very well, and will be cut early in July. The kowni (millet) crop promises well. Harvesting will commence at the end of the month.
COOCH BEHAR DITTO. 16	Darjeeling, 12th „ „	8·94	A good deal of rain throughout the district, which is every way beneficial. The indian-corn and murwa (millets) in the hills promise a good outturn. Bhadoi or early paddy in the plains is doing well. The minor crops too, kowni (millet) and pât (jute) cultivation are progressing favorably.
17	Julpigoree, 12th „ „	4·88	7th and 8th June fine; a good deal of rain during the rest of the week, with bright sun intervening. The bhadoi or early crop is promising well. Hymunty or winter crop seed is being sown and looks well. Jute is growing up fast. The prospects of all the crops could not be better than they are.
	Cooch Behar, 11th „ „	4·12	Rain on several days. Favorable. No change since last week.
	Eastern Districts.		
DACCA DIVISION. 18	Dacca, 15th* June 1874	0·41	Weather hot, with occasional showers. State of crops very good. Early aous rice (early) in Bekrampore begun to be cut.
19	Furreedpore, 13th „ „	2·57	Rain every day since last Monday; the quantity which fell each day, not being heavy, has benefited the crops considerably. The prospects of the rice crops are as yet most favorable, and the weather is all that could be desired for the growing paddy. The rivers have fallen considerably. The price of coarse rice has risen only at Gopalgunge owing to a steady decrease in importations. It is stationary at Furreedpore, Goalundo, Bhanga, and Madareepore. The Collector cannot account why it should continue so long steadily at 11 seers at Madareepore when it is 11¾ at Bhanga, 12 at Furreedpore and Goalundo, and 13¼ at Gopalgunge. Madareepore is on the high road for transit of grain from east to west; and, as a rule, rice is cheaper there than at Furreedpore. Inquiries are being made.
20	Backergunge, 11th June 1874.	2·05	Cool and pleasant; the rains appear to have commenced. The phenomena known as Burrisal guns is of frequent occurrence. The aous or early rice crop will be a poor one, but the crop is not of much importance in this district. Weather favorable for the amun or late rice sowings.
21	Mymensingh, 12th June 1874.	5·95	Rain every day of the week in the Sudder Station, and plentiful rain in the eastern pergunnahs; but in the west of the district the weather has been sultry, with very little rain, only 0·3 being reported from Attia Sub-division, and 0·78 from Jamalpore. The state and propects of the crops are all that could be wished in the centre and east of the district; in the west more rain is wanted. The river has fallen very much. Health of the district good.
22	Sylhet, 9th June 1874	0·29	A fair amount of rain has fallen since the night of the 8th June, which will do much good. The sky is overcast, and more rain may be expected. Nothing of importance since last Saturday. The rain will be very acceptable to the ryots on the high lands.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)				
		Eastern Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
Chittagong Divn.	23	Chittagong, 11th June 1874.	3·99	Hot, with frequent falls of rain. The weather has been most favorable to the young paddy. Cholera continues to abate. No return from Cox's Bazar.
	24	Noakholly, 11th June 1874.	1·39	Slight showers during the week. Days warm. Aous or early rice sowing completed, and young plants looking well.
	25	Tipperah, 12th June 1874	2·53	Weather changeable; some rain and storms alternately, with still hot weather. The prospects of the future rice crops of all sorts are good. Present prices, however, have risen owing to expectation.
	26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 6th June 1874.	3·71	Cloudy, with occasional fall of rain. The seeds already sown have germinated. Occasional falls of rain have improved the prospects of the crops on the ground. The flat lands are being ploughed.
		Hill Tipperah, 6th June 1874.	·13	Very little rain at head-quarters, but plenty all round about. Thunder-storms passed within sight almost every day. Young paddy looking well. Nothing particular to report.
BEHAR.				
Patna Division.	27	Patna, 15th* June 1874	1·76	Weather all that could be desired for agricultural purposes, with slight rain almost every day. Ploughing and sowing going on everywhere. Health of the district good.
	28	Gya, 13th „ „	2·37	Seasonable. The rains have regularly set in three weeks earlier than usual. Agriculturists are actively engaged in ploughing and sowing bhadoi (early) and paddy crops. No agriculturist at this season is unemployed.
	29	Shahabad, 13th „ „	0·30	Rain has been general in the district; very heavy at Arrah. Weather unsettled and threatening. During the last six days sowings have not been carried on everywhere owing to a superstitious custom of not sowing during the first eight days of the *Mirigda Nochatra*. Before that in many places, "sawan" (grass-seeds), and "murwa" (millet), paddy and "dhoorya baug" or seed beds were sown during *Rouni Nochatra*. From Monday next, the 15th instant, the bhadoi or early sowings will be carried on everywhere, the late rain being most beneficial for the purpose. Sugarcane and indigo on the ground are promising. Small-pox still in parts of the district.
	30	Tirhoot, 13th „ „	0·95	Weather close and sultry, east wind prevailing, and cloudy. Mudhoobunnee Sub-division—2·6 inches of rain fell throughout the sub-division. Sowings of paddy and bhadoi or early crops are going on briskly; in some places paddy crop has already germinated, and is doing well; the prospects of indigo are improving owing to the recent showers. No more rain wanted at present. *Durbhunga Sub-division.*—One inch of rain has fallen all over the sub-division, and thunder constantly threatening heavy rain. Great portion of higher lands have been ploughed, and a large quantity of bhadoi or early crop seeds sown. In the eastern parts of the sub-division paddy has been sown and looks well. It is reported that this year lands have been under bhadoi crops that ordinarily produce rice. *Seetamurhee Sub-division.*—0·94 inch of rain fell over the sub-division, and has been most favorable to crops on the ground. It is reported that crops are coming on well, and that the prospects are good. *Hajeepore Sub-division.*—0·27 inch of rain fell; a heavy fall of rain about Senghia, which must benefit the crops. No report has been received from Tajpore Sub-division. The rain that fell in the Sudder sub-division has done much good to the early crops, which have germinated, and has enabled the cultivators to prepare the high lands for paddy sowing. *Telegram of the 15th.*—Police report 7 inches of rain at Lallgunge on 8th very local; from two to three inches in surrounding country; all tanks and chours filled. Bhagmutty risen very much. Gunduk rising.
	31	Sarun, 13th „ „	1·12	Cloudy, easterly winds. Rain more or less general throughout the district, and has been of very great benefit to the crops and to agricultural operations. The ryots are engaged in preparing their lands for the next sowings. The bhadoi or early crops and the aghanee or late rice are now being sown. The early sowings are coming on well. Cheena (millet) is being harvested; mango ripening. The cultivating season has opened favorably, and the prospects at present are all that could be desired. Prices of barley, jowar (great millet), and cheena (lesser millet), have slightly fallen.
	32	Chumparun, 12th „ „	12·80	Seasonable. More rain has fallen (on 8th, 9th, and 10th June). Agricultural operations are going on briskly, and the prospects so far are unusually good.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)				
Bhagulpore Dits.	33	Monghyr, 13th June 1874	4·07	Cloudy, and frequent rain general all over the district. Rain has fallen plentifully. Ploughing and sowing going on vigorously. Season favorable so far.
	34	Bhagulpore, 15th* „ „	2·64	Total rain, since 1st June, 6·63. At Banka, since 7th, 3·40. About 14 inches all over north Soopool, since 1st; 6 inches fell in three hours on 13th; the same quantity fell on same day at Sonebursa in Muddehpoora. The crops are magnificent; prospects could not be better. General health very good.
	35	Purneah, 13th „ „	0·84	Cloudy and showery; rain very partial. More rain is still wanted in the south for the early jully rice and for the bhadoi or early crops. In the north the transplanting of the aghanee or late rice has commenced. The jamira, very early rice, is in ear in Kishengunge, where the jute is coming on well. Prospects generally very good. No more rain is wanted at present in Arrareah.
	36	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 13th June 1874.	·45	Clouds gathering and dispersing. Heavy shower of rain on Monday, the 8th instant, reported from Rajmehal. Wind variable still; good showers of rain all over the district. Ploughing and sowing going on everywhere. The prospects of the crops are favorable. Indigo in the Rajmehal dearas promises well. A few cases of cholera reported from Bario; no fresh cases brought to notice.
ORISSA.				
Orissa Division.	37	Cuttack, 15th* June 1874	2·13	Weather favorable to the crops; sowing progressing satisfactorily. Crops which have been sown are coming up well. Public health generally good. Prices of food-grains stationary.
	38	Pooree, 10th „ „	·86	Hot, sultry, and cloudy, with occasional slight rain in some places. Cotton is being gathered with a fair outturn. Mangoes are nearly over. Sowing of paddy is being slowly made generally on low lands. More rain is required and expected. Sugarcane is doing well. Exports of rice continue on a moderate scale, and prices are almost stationary. Public health is good.
	39	Balasore, 12th „ „	·67	Showery and temperate. Tolerably copious showers of rain have fallen in most parts of the district, and ploughing, manuring, and sowing are progressing vigorously. The earliest rice crop is above the ground. Cholera apparently reached its maximum during the week under report, and is now on the decline.
CHOTA NAGPORE.				
		South-West Frontier Agency.		
	40	Hazareebagh, 12th June 1874.	2·83	Rain more or less has fallen every day during the past week; still cloudy and warm. Ploughing going on vigorously in all parts of the district. Prices stationary.
	41	Lohardugga, 13th June 1874.	·50	Weather seasonable. The prospects at present are very favorable. Sowing is still going on actively, and the crops which have been sown have germinated well. In Palamow, too, everything promises well, and a very large number of the laborers have deserted the relief works. Jungle fruits and *sagh* vegetables are in great abundance this year. Small-pox still prevalent, but the general health is very good. Prices have fallen slightly.
	42	Singbhoom, 12th June 1874.	3·24	Cloudy. Very heavy rain all over the district as much as required for the present. The early crops on high lands for the most part sown and sprouted. The young paddy looking well and vigorous.
	43	Manbhoom, 13th June 1874.	2·84	Showery and cool. Rain has continued to fall during the whole week, which has enabled the cultivators to plough up their lands and sow gora paddy, gundili, indian-corn, and also the seed paddy for transplanting later in the season. There are some complaints of want of seed, but they are not numerous, and very little, if any, land will probably be left unsown for want of it. Agricultural prospects are now very good; in fact, could hardly be better. Cholera decreasing.

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Rainfall, Weather and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 20th June 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 22nd* June 1874	4·41	Heavy rain has fallen in all the Sub-divisions except Jehanabad. Sowings of paddy progressing in all parts of the district. Cholera abating. Fever on the increase.
2	Bankoora, 20th „ „	2·52	Showery and cool. Aous or early rice sowings nearly finished. Amun or late rice commenced. Sugarcane doing well. A few cases of cholera reported. Small-pox almost ceased.
3	Beerbhoom, 20th „ „	2·50	Cool, with frequent showers. Prospect good so far. Export during week ending 13th June, 4,042½ maunds, chiefly to Bhagulpore Division. Prices almost stationary. Cholera and small-pox decreasing.
4	Midnapore, 20th „ „	1·59	Rain fell five days out of seven, and has been general over the whole district. Weather cool. Rains seem to have regularly set in. General result of the week very favorable. Early rice doing well, and the late rice being sown generally. There has been a sudden rise in the price of grain at the Sudder Station, but it is chiefly due to the rain impeding the normal supplies from the interior.
5	Hooghly, 20th „ „	·48	Nearly cloudy throughout with drizzling rains; wind chiefly from south. The sowing of amun or late rice seedlings, and aous or early rice, is going on. More rain wanted.
	Howrah 20th „ „	·85	There was rain throughout the district during the week. The weather sometimes clear, and at times cloudy; wind from south and east varying. The rain during the week has been of great benefit throughout the district. The amun or late rice seedlings are growing. The aous or early rice and jute have been sown, and are doing well Everywhere the ryots are ploughing land for transplanting the late rice. The young sugarcane plants look healthy. More rain is, however, wanted to enable the ryots to transplant the late rice. The ryots complain that the sowings have been very late.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 22nd† June 1874.	1·46	Warm and showery. Early rice and jute plants doing well. Amun or late rice seedlings in nurseries coming up fairly. Several cases of cholera reported during the week from Sultanpore, Bankipore, and Barripore. Fever on the decrease at the latter place.
7	Nuddea, 20th June 1874	3·58	Cool. Rain frequent, but moderate in quantity. Rain has fallen every day since the 14th instant. All the crops are most promising. The area under cultivation for rice is variously estimated at from one-eighth to half more than usual. The aous or early rice crop will be early this year. Prices are rising generally, but falling a little at Kooshtea.
8	Jessore, 20th „ „	2·78	Cloudy, with south-easterly wind and moderate rain. The crops generally promise well. At Magoorah more rain was said to be wanted. As there have been heavy and apparently general showers the last three days, the want has probably been supplied.
RAJSHAHYE DIVISION. 9	Moorshedabad, 20th „ „	3·53	Cloudy, with frequent showers of rain every day throughout the week. Rainfall at Lalbaugh 3·06, at Rampore Haut 3·82, and at Jungypore 2·76. On the 18th, 3·45 fell at Rampore Haut. Rain fell at every station of the Sudder sub-division. The rain has done much good to the standing crops; both early and late rice crops appear to be very promising. Transplantation of the latter has commenced in the Jungypore sub-division. Sugarcane, mulberry, indigo, and jute are progressing very favorably. There has been a slight fall in the prices of both sorts of rice at the Sudder Station, where they are now selling at 9 and 11 seers per rupee, but the reverse is the case at Jungypore. Small-pox and cholera have subsided.
10	Dinagepore, 19th „ „	2·07	Rain has been general throughout the district. The bhadoi or early crop continues to look very well. Jute is most promising; and seed beds for the winter rice are everywhere to be seen green and flourishing.
11	Maldah, 20th „ „	2·92	The first four days cloudy, and the last three stormy and rainy. There has been plenty of rain during the week, and the prospects of the early crops are excellent. The hymanti or late rice sowings are going on. Rice is a little dearer.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
RAJSHAHYE DIVN.—(*Contd.*) 12	Rajshahye, 20th June 1874	2·56	The rainy season has fairly set in, and there have been copious falls on many days throughout the district. The aous or early and amun or late rice crops are everywhere in a most flourishing condition. The ropa or transplanted rice is coming up well in the nurseries. Sugarcane and jute are doing well. Prices are generally stationary, but there is a tendency to fall in places where they were high last week.
13	Rungpore, 19th „ „	3·16	The weather has been wet everywhere. From Gyebandah the report shows a rainfall of 6·43 inches. The state of all the crops is excellent Cutting of early rice is proceeding fast. Jute is flourishing. Sowing and transplanting of the late rice is being everywhere proceeded with. Telegram of 22nd.—Rainfall of 6 78 inches since 19th, and crops promising.
14	Bogra, 20th „ „	4·34	Seasonable. The rains continue steady, and the prospects of the growing crops continue good. The ploughing for the late rice crop is going on. Prices of food-grains are falling.
15	Pubna, 20th „ „	2 23	Heavy rains on the 16th and 17th June, and slight showers all the other days of the week. The aous or early and amun or late rice crops have all been sown, and most of the crop is forward, and promises well. The prospect of kawn (millet), sugarcane, and arahur (pulse), good. District healthy.
COOCH BEHAR DIVN. 16	Darjeeling, 19th „ „	5·02	Heavy rains throughout the district, which is favorable. In the hills the Indian-corn and murwa (millet) crops are looking very good, and promise a fair outturn. In the Terai a few locusts have been seen near the Mohanuddee, but the prospects of the crops are very good as yet. The people say that the extent of the bhadoi or early crop cultivation is greater than ever known before. Cheena and kawn (millets) are being gathered in, but these crops are not of much importance in the Terai. It is expected that the present weather will be favorable to tea.
17	Julpigoree, 19th „ „	4·48	Rain on four days; other days fine. 3·19 inches fell on Monday alone. Bhadoi or early rice and jute crops looking very well. Transplanting of the hymanti or late rice crop has commenced.
	Cooch Behar, 18th „ „	8·40	Alternately sunshine and rain. Prospects satisfactory. There has been nothing unfavorable in the weather, unless the wind may have slightly injured the aous or early rice now coming into ear.
	Eastern Districts.		
DACCA DIVISION 18	Dacca, 22nd* June 1874	3·13	Seasonable weather. State of the crops very good.
19	Fureedpore, 20th „ „	3·02	Weather cool and pleasant; rain every day during the week, which has done the crops good and no harm, and the prospects of the next harvest are steadily improving. The rivers are gradually rising. The price of coarse rice is stationary at Bhanga, and has fallen at Goalundo and Madareepore, but has risen at Fureedpore and Gopalgunge, owing to decrease in importations.
20	Backergunge, 18th June 1874.	1·68	Seasonable. The rains have set in. Prospects fair. The aous or early rice crop has benefited by the rains.
21	Mymensingh, 19th June 1874.	1 06	There has been less rain at the Sudder Station than in other parts of the district. In the western pergunnahs there has been a plentiful rainfall, which has done much good. The weather continues showery, and the safety of the aous or early rice crop may now be considered as assured. The early rice is beginning to come into flower in some places. Sowing of the amun or late rice is being proceeded with. The prospects of the crops are everywhere good.
22	Sylhet, 16th June 1874	11·88	Abundant rain from Tuesday to Friday. From Saturday the weather has been oppressively hot, more so than at any time this year. The barometer fell considerably on Sunday night, and now stands at 29·89. Crops promise well. The heavy rain last week, followed by dry weather, has been most favorable to the crops all over the district. The ryots have extended their cultivation this year, more especially in the south-west of the district. The price of rice has risen owing chiefly to exportation. About 2,500 maunds of rice and 8,000 maunds of paddy exported during the week. The health of the district is good.
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 23	Chittagong, 18th June 1874.	1·74	Fine and hot, with heavy rain at intervals. From Cox's Bazar ·94 inch of rain reported up to 16th instant. The paddy is coming on well, and the weather continues most favorable.
24	Noakholly, 18th June 1874.	0 67	Heavy showers on the 15th, 17th, and 18th June. Strong south-easterly wind. The young aous plants are doing well, and preparations are being made for the late rice. The yield of chillies and sessamun (oil-seed) where reaped has been below the average.
25	Tipperah, 19th June 1874	0 94	Cloudy and sultry, but only slight rain. The jute and sugarcane crops are in good condition. The prospects of the two great rice crops, the aous or early and amun or late, are excellent.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Eastern Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
Chittagong Divn. 26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 16th June 1874.	3·15	Heavy rain, with squalls, on the 13th June The hill people are still sowing paddy in their jooms. Indian-corn has begun to ripen here and there. The prospects of the crops are on the whole good.
	Hill Tipperah, 17th June 1874.	2·79	Showery almost every day, but not much heavy rain at head-quarters. Very hot and close, but seasonable. Crops about head-quarters looking very well. There cannot have been much rain in the interior or on the hills as the river is still comparatively low.
BEHAR.			
Patna Division. 27	Patna, 22nd* June 1874	3·69	Abundance of rain for the present; a few days fine weather wanted. All the seeds sown are germinating well, and prospects so far are very good. Health of district good.
28	Gya, 20th „ „	1·20	Rainy and seasonable. Rice and bhadoi or early crops are being sown. The weather has been everything that could be desired by agriculturists. Health good.
29	Shahabad, 20th „ „	2·35	Cloudy, with constant showers; strong gale from east on Thursday and Friday. Bhadoi or early crop has germinated in places; ploughing and sowing being carried on in all directions. Small-pox decreasing.
30	Tirhoot, 20th „ „	2·35	Weather sultry and rainy. East wind prevailing. In Tajpore Sub-division seasonable rain has fallen, giving hopes of early bhadoi crop. In Mudhoobunnee Sub-division 5·04 rain fell. Young paddy and bhadoi or early corps doing very well; indigo much improved by rain. In Hajeepore Sub-division a heavy rain has fallen at the head-quarters and the surrounding places. The crops have been greatly benefited by the rain. In Seetamurhee Sub-division there has been a rainfall of 2·85 inches. Makai (Indian-corn), sama (grass-seeds), murwa (millet), sathi, and other bhadoi or early crops have been sown, and they are coming up very well. The rice lands are being prepared, and the cultivators will commence transplanting at the first opportunity when another heavy shower falls. Indigo appears more promising. Mango yielded a good outturn. There is a general talk among the people that the neck of the famine is broken. The timely showers of rain have given hope to the people. The universal sales of Government grain has induced mahajuns to bring out their stores and to make advances to ryots. In Durbhunga Sub-division prospects of bhadoi or early crops good. Rice is being sown; there has been a rainfall of 3·34. A heavy shower of rain has fallen in the Sudder Sub-division, which has enabled the cultivators to prepare the lands for transplantation of paddy. Indian-corn and murwa (millets) already sown are coming up very well. No more rain is needed at present. Prices of food-grain have fallen a little. Public health good. Telegrams of 21st and 23rd report a further fall of 1·77 in Mozufferpore (head-quarters of Tirhoot).
31	Sarun, 20th „ „	1·32	Cloudy. Easterly winds. Rain more or less general throughout the district, and has been of very great benefit to agricultural operations. Cheena (millet) has been harvested, and in most places has yielded fairly. Sugarcane is doing well. Indigo reviving. The ryots are engaged in preparing their lands for the next sowings. The bhadoi or early crops, and the aghanee or late rice, are being sown. Sama (grass-seeds), kodo, murwa, and tangnee (millets) sown in May in anticipation of rain, are coming on well. The weather has been most seasonable, and the prospects at present hopeful. Prices steady.
32	Chumparun, 19th „ „	2·34	Seasonable. The prospects of the crops could not be better. Agricultural operations in full swing. Prices falling. Health of the district good.
Bhagulpore Divn. 33	Monghyr, 20th „ „	5·31	Frequent and heavy rain generally over the district. Ploughing and sowing going on actively. Early sowings sprouting very satisfactorily.
34	Bhagulpore, 22nd* „ „	5·23	Rain has fallen. Crops everything that could be desired. A few days' sun would benefit the Indian-corn. General health very good.
35	Purneah, 20th „ „	4·87	Strong and steady east wind; clouds black and heavy, coming up from all sides. Atmosphere damp and oppressive. The moong (pulse) crop has been excellent. Indian-corn is turning out well. Jamira paddy has been cut in the north. The rain this week has been general all over the district, and has enabled the ryots to get well forward with the transplanting of the late rice. Murwa (millet) in Arrareah being cut.
36	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 20th June 1874.	3·10	Rain fell copiously throughout the district. 2·24 at head-quarters on Monday, the 18th June; clouds still gathering The prospects of the crops are very favorable. Ploughing nearly completed, and sowing going on busily. Maize and early rice already sown are doing well at Rajmehal. Prospects of the early rice at Deoghur are good. Jaucra (millet) lately sown has germinated. No fresh cases of cholera reported. Public health generally good.

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ORISSA.			
Orissa Division. 37	Cuttack, 22nd* June 1874	11·96	Rain has fallen. At Jajpore 12·20. Rivers have risen earlier than usual. Weather clearing, and favorable to crops. Sowings well advanced. Prices stationary. Public health generally good.
38	Pooree, 18th „ „	9·28	There has been good rain, and the weather is yet cloudy. Cotton is being gathered with a fair outturn. Mangoes are almost over. Tillage and sowing operations have now been fairly commenced, and are proceeding well on account of the rain which has fallen in the week. Sugarcane is doing well. Exports of rice continue on a moderate scale, and prices are almost stationary in the interior. Public health good.
39	Balasore, 19th „ „	2·29	Cloudy and showery. The heavy and frequent showers of the week have been most favorable for operations. Much of the newly-sown rice is well above the ground. Tillage is progressing vigorously. Not more than a quarter of the lands remain unsown. Cholera still on the decline.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazareebagh, 19th June 1874.	2·51	Rain has been general and continuous. Sowing of all kinds of crops is being carried out rapidly, and the country is already green with the earlier crops. The rain is continuous, but light. The Government works are much deserted.
41	Lohardugga, 20th June 1874.	2·59	Weather rainy and seasonable. The rain has been general. The prospects at present are very good. Sowing has been carried on under most favorable circumstances, and the crops which have been sown have germinated well. Prices in the interior are falling. Small-pox still prevalent, but decreasing. General health good. In Palamow too the weather has been all that could be desired for the bhadoi or early sowings, and the relief works are all but deserted.
42	Singbhoom, 19th June 1874.	2·21	Cloudy and very damp. Heavy rain all over the district. Crops looking vigorous and well. Cholera reported from parts of Dhalbhoom.
43	Manbhoom, 20th June 1874.	1·51	Very seasonable. All the crops which have been sown are thriving well. The early rice, Indian-corn, kodo, gundali, and murwa (millets), are now well above ground, and the sugarcane, which at one time was languishing, is now growing vigorously. Present prospects could not be better. Cholera has nearly ceased.

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No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 29th* June 1874	6·75	Over five inches of rainfall at Raneegunge, four at Bood-bood, three at Cutwa, nearly two at Culna, and three at Jehanabad. The prospects of the crops are most favorable. Cholera abated. Fever as before.
2	Bankoora, 27th „ „	6·27	Rain all over the district; very heavy on the 24th June. Agricultural operations going on well. The weather is as favorable as possible for the rice crop. Aous or early rice being planted out. A few cases of small-pox reported; cholera rather bad in some parts.
3	Beerbhoom, 27th „ „	5·73	Cool, with frequent rain. Prospects of crops excellent; some local damage from floods. Export of week ending 20th June, 1,471½ maunds, chiefly to Bhagulpore Division. Prices nearly stationary, with downward tendency.
4	Midnapore, 27th „ „	2	Over four inches of rain has fallen in the north, and less than an inch in the south; on the whole a desirable distribution. In the north the fall has been sufficient to allow the crops sown broadcast to be ploughed as usual and also transplantation to be made. In the centre of the district the fall has been scarcely sufficient for this. On the whole, the week has been a very favorable one. Prices, however, still manifest a slight tendency to rise. Cholera has almost disappeared.
5	Hooghly, 27th „ „	1·51	Cloudy throughout, with light showers of rain. Wind from south and south-east. Rice sowing nearly complete. The rain has been ample, and the crops are promising. Heavy showers on the night of the 28th instant since reported.
	Howrah 27th „ „	·59	There was more or less rain throughout the district. Weather sometimes cloudy and sometimes clear. Wind from south and east varying. The rain during the week has done good. The amun or late rice seedlings are thriving. The late rice (broadcast) and jute have been sown and are doing well. Lands are being ploughed for transplanting the late rice. Sugarcane plants look healthy. More rain is required at Juggutbullubpore, where it has been scanty.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 29th† June 1874.	0·47	Warm and showery. There has been heavy rain in the Diamond Harbour and Barrackpore Sub-divisions, and in smaller quantities throughout the district during the week. The aous or early rice and jute are doing well, and the prospects of the amun or late rice are very favorable. Fever decreasing at Barripore. Public health in other sub-divisions good.
7	Nuddea, 27th June 1874	4·96	Cool and damp. The weather has been as favorable as possible to the crops. In some parts of the district small crops of some inferior sorts of grain will be reaped in a few days. The earliest of the aous or early rice is in ear. Prices are nearly stationary.
8	Jessore, 27th „ „	1·83	Cloudy and close for the most part, with more or less rain throughout the week, including one or two heavy down-pours in various places. The crops are looking and promising well.
RAJSHAHYE DIVISION. 9	Moorshedabad, 27th „ „	2·67	There has been copious rainfall throughout the district during the week—2·67 at head-quarters, 8·20 at Lallbaugh, 5·06 at Jungipore, and 3·06 at Rampore Haut. As before, the crops are in very promising condition, and there is every prospect of an excellent harvest of aous or early rice if no floods occur. Prices have fallen in the principal bazars, particularly at Jungipore, where rice has recently been received from Eastern Bengal. The health of the district is improving.
10	Dinagepore, 26th „ „	3·6	Rain throughout the district nearly every day more or less. The bhadoi or early crop continues in a most flourishing condition. Jute and sugarcane promise excellent crops. Ploughing for hymunti or winter rice crop everywhere proceeding with vigour.
11	Maldah, 27th „ „	3·09	Cloudy and rainy. The bhadoi or early crops looking very well; half of the shama (grass-seed) and jali rice (very early bhadoi), which is sown in small quantities, has been cut in Nowabgunge and Kalleachack. Hymunti or winter crop cultivation is going on. Coarse rice at twelve seers per rupee. Total rainfall from 1st January to 27th June, 16·20.

* Telegram of the 29th June, received on the same day, shows rainfall during the seven days immediately preceding.

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BEHAR.			
PATNA DIVISION. 27	Patna, 29th* June 1874	4·51	Weather all that could be desired for the young crops so far, but now a few days of sunshine is wanted to enable the cultivators to weed their fields. Health of the district generally good.
28	Gya, 27th „ „	3·09	Very wet weather; heavy rain throughout the district during Thursday and Friday. Prospects good. Sunshine required. Health good.
29	Shahabad, 27th „ „	5·41	Heavy rain in the Arrah and Buxar Sub-divisions; less rain in the Sasseram and Bhubooah Sub-divisions. Ploughing and sowing going on wherever possible. Early sowings have already germinated. In the Rhotas and Sasseram pergunnahs, owing to a want of sufficient rain, seed is reported as not yet sown. Small-pox considerably decreased. Cattle disease has shown itself in Rhotas, but not in a severe epedemic form.
30	Tirhoot, 27th „ „	2·37	Weather sultry and rainy, east wind prevailing. In Seetamurhee Sub-division 2·31 inches of rain fell during the week; weather favorable for crops on the ground. Prospects fair. Public health good; mortality less than in ordinary years. General complaint of want of straw for cattle, but cattle still in fair condition. In Mudhubunnee Sub-division 2·99 inches of rain fell during the week; young paddy and bhadoi or early crops are reported everywhere to be in a most favorable condition; transplanting has commenced in many places. No more rain is required at present. In Durbhunga Sub-division 1·05 inches fell during the week; three-fourths of the bhadoi or early crops have been sown and the remainder is being sown; the portion of that sown has already germinated and looks very promising; something less than half of the other crops has been sown and sowings are general. The paddy sown broadcast in the lowest lands was submerged in early portion of the week. Prospects of crops are at present cheering. In Hajeepore Sub-division 3·65 inches of rain fell during the week. The crops are looking remarkably well, and the rain has given every facility for sowing and ploughing. No report has been received from Tajpore. The rain was general throughout the district, and has been of great benefit to the paddy and other bhadoi or early sowings which are now being pushed on briskly. The seed sown germinated freely. Transplanting of paddy is going on. Public health good. The prices of food-grains appear to have a tendency to fall.
31	Sarun, 27th „ „	5·34	Weather rainy and seasonable; east wind prevailing. The rain has been general. Agricultural operations progressing, and are being carried on under most favorable circumstances. Sugarcane is doing well. Indigo appears more promising The ryots are engaged in preparing their lands for the next sowings. The bhadoi (early), and aghanee (late), crops are being sown. Early shama (grass-seed), tangni, and murwa (millets), kodo and Indian-corn are coming up very well in some places. Weeding has commenced. The timely showers of rain have given hope to the people. Prices steady.
32	Chumparun, 26th June 1874.	6·49	Seasonable weather. Prospects of crops continue very favorable; the early paddy, maize, &c., are coming up well. Health of district good.
BHAGULPORE DIVS. 33	Monghyr, 27th June 1874	4·10	Frequent and heavy rain. Favorable prospects for bhadoi or early crops; favorable sowing season for the rice. A few dry days are now wanted.
34	Bhagulpore, 29th* „ „	2·99	Over five inches of rain at Bunka, and three at Soopool. A week's fine weather is very desirable for the Indian-corn. Ploughing, sowing, and transplanting going on briskly. Standing crops first-class. Prospects could not be better. General health very good.
35	Purneah, 27th „ „	2·10	Very squally, strong east wind; rain more or less every day. Prospects excellent. The early jamera rice is being cut. The bhadoi or early rice is coming into ear; transplanting of the late rice is going on well except in Arrareah and Kishengunge, where there has this week been too much rain. Kowni and cheena (millets) have been cut and given a good yield. Indian-corn extensively sown in Dhurmpore, coming in by relays.
36	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 27th June 1874.	3·77	Deoghur and Rajmehal cloudy, with showers; Dumka and Godda, good showers of rain. Ploughing and sowing are everywhere going on. The prospects of the crops continue good. Rain all over the district. Bhadoi or early crops most promising everywhere. Public health generally good.
ORISSA.			
ORISSA DIVISION. 37	Cuttack, 29th* June 1874	·35	Very little rain in the interior; this break after heavy rains of last week is good, enabling sowings to go on and young crops to recover from excessive rain. Prospects everywhere excellent. Prices slightly risen. Health good.
38	Pooree, 25th „ „	·23	There has been general and good rain, and the weather is yet cloudy. The rivers have risen. Cotton has been nearly completely gathered with a fair outturn. Mangoes are over. Cultivation has been greatly benefited by the rain which has been generally good during the last two weeks. Sowing operations are proceeding well on high lands. As soon as the rain water left on low lands subsides, sowings thereon will begin. Sugarcane doing well. Purchases of rice for export have ceased. Prices stationary. Public health good. A sluice in Chowbinkood has been thrown down by the flood, and the land commanded by it inundated; but no extensive damage has yet occurred.
39	Balasore, 26th „ „	2·04	Showery. Present prospects promising in every way. The weather during the week has been very propitious; sunshine having alternated with showers. Sowings are nearly completed, and the young crop is thriving.

Telegrams of the 29th June, received on the same day, show rainfall during the seven days immediately preceding.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazareebagh, 26th June 1874.	1·76	Rain during the earlier part of the week in showers, but during the last two days it has been heavy and continuous. From the north, *i.e.*, Pergunnah Kharkdiha, are heard grumblings about too much rain, but the experience of the rest of the district is different. About the Grand Trunk Road to the south-east, head-quarters, and the west there has been much rain, mixed with sunshine. The crops are coming forward splendidly. People are applying freely for advances in the north for seed. Rice advances for food are given, and seed is obtained by barter at cheaper rates than the mahajuns give in loan. The condition of the district at present is extremely hopeful.
41	Lohardugga, 27th June 1874.	·86	Light rain, with intervals of sunshine; quite seasonable. The prospects at present are most favorable both in Chota Nagpore Proper and in Palamow. Sowing has been carried on actively, and the young crops are growing up vigorously, and will be able to stand out well against heavy rain when it comes. In the interior prices have fallen considerably. General health good. Small-pox subsiding.
42	Singbhoom, 26th June 1874.	0·26	Cool and cloudy. A dry week, but heavy clouds about again. Crops looking superb. Prospects good. Cattle disease reported from parts of the district. General health excellent.
43	Manbhoom, 27th June 1874.	0·63	Showery and cool. Rain has fallen very generally over the whole district, but in slight showers only, which is just what is wanted. At present all the crops on the ground are doing particularly well; in fact, as stated last week, they could not promise better. Cholera and small-pox are still reported from several parts of the district; but the number of deaths is not large.

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* Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 25th September 1880.

Rainfall, Weather and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 4th July 1874.

	No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.				
		Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division.	1	Burdwan, 6th* July 1874	3·82	The rainfall in the interior is reported to have been general, but not so heavy in the west of the district as elsewhere. The sowings of paddy are nearly finished. Fever as before.
	2	Bankoora, 4th „ „	0·12	Slight showers everywhere, but sunshine has been the prevailing feature. Crops generally doing well. Sugarcane very well. Rain is required in the southern part of the district. Cholera again prevalent, and small-pox not extinct.
	3	Beerbhoom, 4th „ „	2·47	Wet during the former, fine during the latter half of the week. Planting out of the seedling rice in progress. Prospects continue excellent. Exportation of week ending 27th June, 1,739½ maunds, chiefly to Bhâgulpore Division. Prices falling.
	4	Midnapore, 4th „ „	2·98	Seasonable weather. In the north of the district, where the rainfall has exceeded 4 inches, the reports are most favorable, and a bumper aous or early rice crop is anticipated. In the south-east (Tumlook) less than half an inch has fallen, and more rain is needed. General result of the week, fair.
	5	Hooghly, 4th „ „	·63	Rain on Sunday, cloudy and slight showers during the week. Rainfall at Serampore during the week, 2·17. Wind from south and south-east. Rice sowing completed. More rain is required as some of the rice is suffering from want of moisture.
		Howrah 4th „ „	1·38	There was more or less rain throughout the district during the week; weather sometimes clear and sometimes cloudy. Wind from south and east varying. Rain during the week has done good. The seedlings of amun or late rice are thriving. The aous or early rice and jute have been sown, and are doing well. Lands are being ploughed for transplanting the late rice; sugarcane plants look healthy. More rain is still wanted.
		Central Districts.		
Presidency Division.	6	24-Pergunnahs, 6th† July 1874.	1·28	Warm and showery. The early rice (aous) and jute are very promising. Transplantation of amun or late rice has not yet commenced, except to an inconsiderable extent in Diamond Harbour and Barrackpore, owing to there not having been sufficient rain. Public health generally good. Fever gradually dying out in Barripore.
	7	Nuddea, 4th July 1874	0·54	There has been less rain than in the two or three preceding weeks. The weather continues to be most favorable to all the crops. The rivers have been rising somewhat suddenly, but measures are being taken to construct embankments, and it is hoped that damage may be prevented. There is a general tendency to a fall in the prices of rice, and in several thanas it is procurable for less than Rs. 3 per maund.
	8	Jessore. 4th „ „	3·43	Occasionally bright, but mostly cloudy, with very seasonable showers. The crops are everywhere most luxuriant. The rain appears to fall just as it is wanted. The Collector reports to have seen considerable portions of the central and northern parts of the district during the last ten days, and says that he never saw more promising fields. In Nurrail and Magoorah the earliest rice is beginning to come into the markets. Generally, however, it will be about a month more before the aous or early rice will be ready. The tendency of prices throughout the district has been downwards.
Rajshahye Division.	9	Moorshedabad, 4th „ „	0·41	Less rainfall than last week throughout the district. Weather close, damp, and cloudy. Very favorable reports are received from all parts regarding the progress of the crops. Transplantation of the late rice is going on. The rapid rise of the Bhagiruthee within the last few days has caused the inundation of some important crops lying on low lands in the Jungypore sub-division. A very early aous crop of some importance is being reaped in the Jellinghee thana. Indigo plant is excellent, and a good season may be expected, if the crops on the Dearah lands are not inundated before they can be cut. Mulberry is also in very good condition; but the prospects of the approaching "bund" are still uncertain, and must depend greatly on the weather of the next fortnight. Prices are decidedly better: they are, however, still highest in Kallygunge and Gokaru. There has been a considerable fall in the eastern thanas owing to importation, to the cutting of the early aous crop mentioned above, and the promising state of the crops generally.
	10	Dinagepore, 3rd „ „	4·06	Rain nearly every day throughout the district. Crops on the ground are all doing well, and a first-rate bhadoi or early crop is expected. Operations in respect of winter crops being pushed on.

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No.	District, and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL —(*Continued.*)			
	***Eastern Districts.*—(Continued.)**		
Chittagong Divn. 22	Chittagong, Oct. 5 '80	0·54	Weather—fine, with prospects of rain. Transplanting of winter rice nearly all over. Prospects good. Prices stationary.
Chittagong Divn. 23	Noakholly Sept. 30 „	9·46	Some heavy rain. A good autumn crop has been reaped and winter rice promises well. Prices very low.
Chittagong Divn. 24	Chittagong Hill Tracts, „ 28 '80	4·15	Constant rain throughout week. Harvesting of joom paddy still continues. Cotton pods damaged by rain. Prospects of plough cultivators' paddy very good Fever very prevalent.
Chittagong Divn.	Hill Tipperah. „ 29 „	7·19	Weather—rainy. Early rice still being harvested; outturn fair. Late paddy doing well. Public health good.
BEHAR.			
Patna Divn. 25	Patna, Oct. 2 '80	1·02	Weather—cloudy, with intervals of hot sunshine. Rain on night of 30th September has done much good to paddy. More rain still wanted.
	Barrh ...	Nil	
	Behar ...	Nil	
Patna Divn. 26	Gya, „ 2 „	Nil	Weather—hot and dry all the week, but rain falling at time of report. Rain wanted everywhere. Want of it this week has kept back transplanted rice.
	Jehanabad ...	0·13	
	Aurungabad ...	0·37	Ploughing for winter sowing going on. Autumn crop has been good.
	Nowada ...	Nil	
Patna Divn. 27	Shahabad. „ 2 „	0·27	Weather—clear and hot in early part of week; now cloudy. Rain much wanted and drought has already done some damage, particularly in Chowsa.
Patna Divn. 28	Durbhunga. „ 2 „	2·10	Weather—hot and close. Rain fell yesterday morning (1st) over most of district and much benefited rice crop. Autumn harvest in progress. Prices stationary. Public health good.
Patna Divn. 29	Mozufferpore, „ 2 „	0·45	Weather—seasonable. Prospects of crops in Sudder fair. In Hajeepore rice suffers much from want of rain. In Seetamurhee sub-division rain wanted badly for rice, except in northern part of sub-division. Fever in Shewhur thana.
	Hajeepore ...	Nil	
Patna Divn. 30	Sarun, „ 2 „	2·38	Weather—hot in beginning, seasonable at end of week. Rain in latter half of week has done much good. State of crops good. With favourable *katya* rain (of which there is hope) the ensuing *aghani* and *rubbee* prospects will be excellent.
	Sewan ..	1·40	
	Gopalgunge ...	Nil	
Patna Divn. 31	Chumparun „ 2 „	Nil	Weather—fine. Rain wanted.
Bhagulpore Divn. 32	Monghyr, Oct. 2 '80	1·05	Weather—hot. Prospect of crops good. Price of grain unusually low.
	Begooserai ...	Nil	
	Jamui ...	0·92	
Bhagulpore Divn. 33	Bhagulpore, „ 2 „	0·85	Weather—hot and cloudy. In Soopole and Mudehpoorah prospects of rice harvest favourable, late rain having done much good. In Banka more rain urgently required. Paddy on high lands suffering. In Sudder rain has fallen and been beneficial, but more wanted for paddy.
Bhagulpore Divn. 34	Purneah. „ 2 „	1·79	Rain insufficient. Only one good shower Prospects of winter rice fair, but in some parts more rain wanted General health bad, fever being very prevalent.
	Kissengunge ...	0·91	
	Arrareah ...	0·13	
Bhagulpore Divn. 35	Maldan, „ 2 „	0·99	Weather—stormy, chilly and sultry alternately; range of thermometer having been ten degrees Rise of Ganges early in week injured *kalai* in *deara* lands. Late rice and other crops thriving. Public health fair.
Bhagulpore Divn. 36	Sonthal Pergha, „ 2 „	0·73	Weather—showery. State and prospects of crops good. More rain wanted.
	Deoghur ...	0·22	
	Jamtara ...	0·36	
	Pakour ...	Nil	
	Rajmehal ...	Nil	
ORISSA.			
Orissa Divn. 37	Cuttack Oct. 1 '80	0·94	Weather—seasonable. *Beali* rice being reaped. *Garu sarud* rice weeded and *laghu* in ear. All other crops good. Price of rice 15 to 22 seers per rupee. Cholera still reported. Small-pox has appeared in some parts of Jajpur sub-division.
Orissa Divn. 38	Pooree, Sept. 30 „	1·04	Weather—seasonable. Weeding of *sarud* rice still going on. Harvesting of *beali* rice almost completed. Other crops, such as *arhur* and sugarcane, doing well. Common rice 18 to 21 Calcutta seers per rupee. Small-pox still prevails.
Orissa Divn.	Khurda ...	1·75	
Orissa Divn. 39	Balasore, Oct. 1 „	0·3	Weather—fine and bright. Very little rain. State and prospects of crops excellent, but rain will be wanted in next fortnight. Public health good.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazareebagh, Oct. 1 '80	0·90	Weather—seasonable. Prospects of all crops continue good; but more rain wanted. Upland crops being harvested with good outturn. Public health good.
41	Lohardugga, „ 2 „	0·50	Weather—seasonable. Prospects continue generally favourable at head-quarters. In Palamow heavy rain has fallen, but too late to save winter rice which has been lost. Prices fluctuating slightly. Public health improving.
42	Singbhoom, „ 1 „	0·36	Rainfall very scanty; heat excessive. Prospects everywhere continue excellent. Two more heavy showers would give bumper crops.
43	Manbhoom, „ 2 „	Nil	Weather—fine and hot. Crops generally promise very well. Measles and cow-pox in Jeypore; cow-pox in Chas. Public health otherwise good.
	Govindpore ...	0·79	

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	No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.—(*Concld.*)				
		Eastern Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
Chittagong Divn.	25	Tipperah, 2nd July 1874	2·89	Showery, with much heavy clouds about, but rain not so heavy as usual at this time of year. The prospects of the next rice crops are excellent. Price of rice is rising owing to large exportations.
	26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 30th June 1874.	3·19	Heavy showers throughout the week. The sowing of paddy and cotton in the jooms has been finished. The plough cultivators are tilling their lands. Indian-corn has begun to ripen here and there in the jooms. The prospects of the crops are on the whole good.
		Hill Tipperah, 1st July 1874.	2·50	The weather has been as good as could be wished for the crops in the plains and low lands; alternate showers and warm sun. More rain required for the sowings on the hills. Crops round head-quarters looking very well.
BEHAR.				
Patna Division.	27	Patna, 6th* July 1874	5·76	Too much rain has fallen. Some fine weather is wanted to allow the cultivators to get on to their fields. Floods to the south of the district said to have done some damage to the bhadoi or early crops Health of the district, good
	28	Gya, 4th ,, ,,	5·57	Rain daily. There has been a heavy flood, but owing to its short duration has not done much injury. The weather is all that can be desired. Bhadoi or early crops growing rapidly.
	29	Shahabad, 4th ,, ,,	3·51	Constant rains, at times very heavy, and appears to have fallen all over the district. Crops are favorably reported on. A little bright and sunny weather would do much good. At the commencement of the week the floods of the Soane in the east, and of the Kudrakao and Durgwotee rivers in the south of the district, have caused some damage to the young crops. Inquiries are being made in regard to this Health of the district, good Only a few cases of small-pox.
	30	Tirhoot ..	.....	Return not received.
	31	Sarun, 4th ,, ,,	1·88	Weather rainy and seasonable. East wind prevailing. The rain has been general. Agricultural operations progressing favorably. The bhadoi or early and other crops are all coming up well. Indigo prospects improved. A spell of dry weather is now much to be desired to admit of the fields being properly weeded; the weeding operations are in places somewhat obstructed owing to the continuous rain. The paddy seedlings in the nurseries are doing well. Prices of barley, wheat, gram, and cheena (millet), have slightly fallen.
	32	Chumparun, 3rd ,, ,,	2·05	Seasonable. Prospects continue to be very favorable. The bhadoi or early crops are coming up well, and some will be ready in a fortnight. Health generally good.
Bhagulpore Divn	33	Monghyr, 4th ,, ,,	8·54	Heavy and continuous rain; no day has passed without some rain; at most places muggy and hot. The bhadoi or early crops are very promising. There was some fear of swamping in consequence of the rapid rise of the Ganges, but the river has begun to fall again.
	34	Bhagulpore, 6th* ,, ,,	3·67	Rain at Soopool 7·60, three inches fell in one day; Muddehpoora 7·70, five inches in one day; Banka 7·80. The unusually heavy rain has as yet in no way damaged the good prospects of any crops, but a few days' sunshine is very necessary, or the Indian-corn must suffer. General health, very good.
	35	Purneah, 4th ,, ,,	3·98	Weather same as last week. The cheena (millet) crop now ripe is being damaged by rain and floods. The weeding of the bhadoi or early crop is impeded by the heavy rains, and the young plant is in some places choked by weeds. The transplanting of the late rice progressing favorably. Indigo prospects are bad owing to heavy rain. Jumera or early rice is being brought into the markets. Prices falling.
	36	Santhal Pergunnahs, 4th July 1874.	1·55	Almost perfect everywhere. Heavy rain, followed by bright sunshine. Excellent everywhere. There was a fear that the heavy rain of the week before last might be too continuous; and in Deoghur the maize, which was well forward, was beginning to droop. The fine weather of the past week has restored everything. Maize and paddy are doing well. Transplanting has begun. The small crops are sown.
ORISSA.				
Orissa Division.	37	Cuttack, 6th* July 1874	·30	Sowing of principal rice crop nearly finished. Beali rice fields being reploughed. Prospects continue encouraging. Public health, good.
	38	Pooree, 2nd ,, ,,	1·34	Weather hot, cloudy, and sultry. There has been slight rain during the week, and more rain is immediately expected. The seeds already sown have germinated, and the seedlings commenced to grow Sowing operations are going on. The first floods have ceased, and the rivers have again risen. Prices are stationary. Public health is generally good.
	39	Balasore, 3rd ,, ,,	·08	Very little rain has fallen; during the last five days scarcely any has fallen anywhere. The young crops, however, have not suffered as yet. Severe cholera in the centre of the district.

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 2nd October 1880.

	No.	District, and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL —(*Continued.*)				
		Eastern Districts.—(Continued)		
Chittagong Divn.	22	Chittagong, Oct. 12 '80	0·10	Weather—fair. Prospects of crops good. Cattle disease in Puttcah and Moiscal.
	23	Noakholly „ 7 „	4·07	Weather—unsettled; growing cooler. State and prospects of crops very good.
	24	Chittagong Hill Tracts, „ 5 „	4·59	Weather—foggy and cool in morning, days hot; still constant rain during week. Cotton doing very well. Harvesting of joom paddy still continues. Prospects of plough cultivators' crops good. Fever very prevalent.
		Hill Tipperah, „ 6 „	2·08	Weather—seasonable. Early rice gathered completely; yield fair. Late rice doing well. Public health good.
BEHAR.				
Patna Divn.	25	Patna, Oct. 9 '80	0·56	Weather—generally not dry during day; cooler at night Prospects of rice at head-quarters fair, not so good at sub-divisions. More rain required everywhere. Fields being ploughed for *rubbee* crops
		Barrh ...	0·91	
		Behar ...	0 88	
	26	Gya, „ 9 „	0 34	Maximum reading of thermometer in shade 94·1°. Rain in north of district very beneficial. From Aurungabad reports only good from neighbourhood of Sone. Autumn crop has been good everywhere.
		Nowada ..	1·34	
		Jehanabad ...	1·17	
		Aurungabad ...	0·05	
	27	Shahabad, „ 9 „	1·17	Weather—cool; east wind in mornings; hot and calm in afternoons. Prospects still uncertain. Crop near Arrah good, but bad reports received from interior.
	28	Durbhunga, „ 9 „	Nil	Weather—getting cool during mornings and evenings. Prospects of rice good. Autumn harvest in progress. Prices stationary. Public health good.
	29	Mozufferpore, „ 9 „	0·04	Weather—seasonable. Prospects of crops in Sudder sub-division continue fair. Rainfall in Hajeepore and Seetamurhee sub-divisions very beneficial to standing crops and *rubbee* sowings, but more rain wanted for Sudder and Seetamurhee sub-divisions.
		Hajeepore ...	2·05	
		Seetamurhee ...	0·75	
	30	Sarun, „ 9 „	1·42	Weather—bright and seasonable. State and prospects of crops good. *Chowmas* lands being prepared for *rubbee* sowings. Public health good.
	31	Chumparun „ 9 „	0·48	Weather—generally fine; occasionally cloudy. Rain much wanted.
Bhagulpore Divn.	32	Monghyr, Oct. 9 '80	0·60	Moderate rain. Nights cool, but days still hot. A full winter rice crop may now be looked on as a certainty. Indigo manufacture completed with good results.
		Begoosarai ...	1·02	
		Jamui ...	0·50	
	33	Bhagulpore, „ 9 „	0 65	Weather—seasonable. Nights getting cool. Prospects of winter crops on the whole good, but more rain wanted for rice on high lands.
	34	Purneah, „ 9 „	1·48	Weather—cooler. Very favourable reports come from all thanas regarding prospects of winter rice.
		Kissengunge ...	5 37	
		Arrareah ...	1·39	
	35	Maldah, „ 9 „	2·40	Heat much less; copious showers on three days during week Standing crops give very good promise. Prices of food-grains lower. Public health fair.
	36	Sonthal Perghs, „ 10 „	Not given	Weather—getting cool. Rain fell during week over greater part of district.
		Deoghur ...	1·68	Rice good everywhere Rain would be desirable in Godda; elsewhere it is not wanted.
		Godda ..	Nil	
		Pakour ...	0 85	
		Rajmehal ...	2·49	
ORISSA.				
Orissa Divn.	37	Cuttack Oct. 8 '80	0·69	Weather—seasonable. *Beali* chiefly cut; *sarud* in ear. All crops good. Rice 15 to 23 seers per rupee. Cholera still prevalent.
	38	Pooree, „ 7 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable. Weeding of *sarud* rice still going on. Harvesting of *beali* completed. Rain wanted. Miscellaneous crops, *i.e. arhur*, sugarcane, &c., doing well. Common rice 19 to 21 Calcutta seers per rupee. Small-pox still prevails. Cholera heard of in the country, but no cases have occurred in the town.
		Khurda ...	Nil	
	39	Balasore, „ 8 „	0·05	Weather—fair and bright. Prospects good, but rain still wanted for crops on high land. Public health good.
CHOTA NAGPORE.				
		South-West Frontier Agency.		
	40	Hazareebagh, Oct. 9 '80	3·55	Weather—seasonable. Autumn crops harvested; yield above average. Prospects of winter crops excellent. General health good.
	41	Lohardugga, „ 9 „	0·40	Weather—seasonable. Prospects continue favourable at head-quarters where slight fall in price of coarse rice reported from three thanas. In Palamow prospects of winter rice not very favourable; autumn crop reported to be good. Public health generally good.
	42	Singbhoom, „ 8 „	1·42	Seasonable rain on 3rd instant Weather cool and pleasant since. Prospects of crops everywhere good. Health of district good.
	43	Manbhoom, „ 9 „	1 62	Weather—fine and hot. Prospects of crops generally favourable throughout district. Blight reported from Chas and other places. *Gora* paddy being harvested. Preparations being made for sowing winter crops.
		Govindpore ...	Nil	

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Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 11th July 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 13th* July 1874	1·34	A little rain fell in the interior of the district. More rain wanted for transplanting the late rice and for the early rice crop. Fever as before; few cases of cholera in the Sudder and sub-divisions.
2	Bankoora, 11th „ „	1·75	Generally showery, but in a partial sort of way. Rain is required in the greater part of the district to allow of transplantation being carried on, but no actual damage has yet been caused. Sugarcane and indigo have, however, benefited by the sunshine. Cholera and small-pox still reported.
3	Beerbhoom, 11th „ „	2·87	Showery and uncertain. Prospects continue excellent. Export for week ending 4th July, 1,499 maunds, chiefly to Bhagulpore Division. Prices almost stationary.
4	Midnapore, 11th „ „	0·17	A break has occurred in the rainy weather, which threatens to entail much damage. More rain urgently wanted, especially in the east and south-east. Canal irrigation is being much sought for. It is only on lands artificially irrigated that transplantation can take place. Rain is now much needed everywhere, but especially at Tumlook.
5	Hooghly, 11th „ „	1·03	Cloudy and clear alternately; heavy rain has fallen some short distance from the head-quarters, but in the station little over an inch. In Serampore the rainfall has been ·18 only. In many parts of the district the crops are suffering, in other parts they are doing well, but rain is wanted everywhere.
	Howrah, 11th „ „	·36	There was no rain in the district during the week, except a shower on Friday. Weather sultry and wind from south. The seedlings of the amun or late rice are growing. Aous or early rice and jute have been sown. More rain is wanted. The lands are being ploughed for transplanting late rice seedlings, for which rain is wanted. Sugarcane plants, good.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 13th† July 1874.	1·10	Very sultry, with few showers of rain. The prospects of the early rice crop continue favorable, but more rain is much wanted everywhere. The transplantation of the late rice has only been commenced to an inconsiderable extent on the low lands of Diamond Harbour, Busseerhat, and Barrackpore sub-divisions. Public health generally good, but a few cases of fever reported at Busseerhat; malarious fever abating at Bhangore. Two fatal cases of cholera reported in thana Bhangore in the Sudder Sub-division.
7	Nuddea, 11th July 1874	0·46	Occasional showers, but no heavy rain. More rain is required for transplanting the amun or late rice crop. The prospects of the aous or early rice crop are everywhere favorable. The harvest will probably be an early one. There is a marked decline of prices in most parts of the district.
8	Jessore, 11th „ „	·73	Cloudy days and clear nights and little rain. The prospects of the indigo and early rice are very luxuriant. The latter is beginning to come into the markets and prices have been falling in consequence. In the south of the Magoorah and the north and east of Nurrail sub-divisions, the sudden rise of the rivers, which are unusually high for the time of the year, has done a little damage to both paddy and indigo, but not much. More rain is generally wished for.
RAJSHAHYE DIVISION. 9	Moorshedabad, 11th „ „	2·74	General and tolerably abundant rain during the week. Cloudy and close. Prospects of crops continue excellent. Nothing further to report since last week. The recent fall in prices has been maintained. Cholera and small-pox have almost disappeared.
10	Dinagepore, 10th „ „	8·86	Rain more or less heavy throughout the district. Prospects of the coming crops most excellent. The earliest bhadoi or early rice is being cut in a few places. Everywhere a good yield is expected. Sugarcane and jute both doing well.
11	Maldah, 11th „ „	4·92	Very rainy and cloudy. During the week under review the state and prospects of the bhadoi or early crops continue to be favorable, and unless injured and destroyed by inundation, there is every prospect of a good return from it. A greater part of the hymuntee or late rice has been sown. In thana Gorgorilea, the early sown bhadoi and jali rice is being reaped with a good return.

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 9th October 1880.

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	No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.—(*Concld.*)				
		Eastern Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
Chittagong Divn.	26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 7th July 1874.	·99	Constant rain throughout the whole week, weather seasonable. The paddy and cotton plants are thriving very well, owing to the constant falls of rain. Indian-corn is brought in small quantities for sale in the local markets. The plough cultivators are still employed in sowing paddy, for transplantation. The prospects on the whole are good.
		Hill Tipperah, 8th July 1874.	1·94	More rain is wanted in the northern part of the district, both for the aous or early and for the amun or late rice. The weather has been all that could be desired; in the west and south and about head-quarters alternate rain and sunshine. Paddy is looking very well, transplanting is going on briskly. Everywhere reports are favorable.
BEHAR.				
Patna Division.	27	Patna, 13th* July 1874	3·21	Weather all that could be wished for; a little too much rain was falling, but the last three days of sunshine have done much good. The floods to the south are said not to have done much harm. Health of the district continues good.
	28	Gya	1·69	Seasonable weather. Prospects of crops everything that could be desired.
	29	Shahabad, 11th July 1874	2·65	Constant showers; rain heavier in the north than the south of the district. Prospects of crops so far good, but dry weather and sun are required. Damage done by the floods reported last week, slight and partial, and confined to the crops under influences of the water rush. Murwa (millet) being transplanted. Nursery rice being generally sown in the Sasseeram sub-division. Sugarcane in good condition. Indigo promises to be an excellent crop. Health good; small-pox has disappeared, excepting a few cases here and there only.
	30	Tirhoot, 11th and 12th July 1874.	6·74	Sectamurhee sub-division—4·71 inches of rain fell during the week; ryots are engaged in cultivating fields. Laborers well off. No disease among men or cattle; great decrease in relief works from people resorting to field labor. Transplanting going on rapidly, and prospects fair. Tajpore sub-division—7 inches of rain fell; no change in the prospects of crops; a few days' sunny weather is required for the low-lying makai or Indian-corn fields. No real harm done yet to crops, which promise well, except indigo. Mudhoobunnee sub-division—5·18 inches of rain fell during the week. Rice and bhadoi or early crops doing well, except in Motipur, where damaged by excessive rain. Transplanting of both crops is going on in every part of the sub-division. Murwa (millet) and makai (Indian-corn) have been more largely sown than last year. In Jhaphurpore double the area has been sown. Report from Hajeepore not received. There is no material change in the prospects of the sudder sub-division, great damage will be done to the bhadoi or early crop if the rain continues any longer to fall every day as it has hitherto done. Durbhunga sub-division—11 inches of rain since 1st instant. Bagmuttee and Kumlah rivers overflowed their banks, submerging about 20 square miles of country lying between them north and east of Durbhunga town. Inundations customary, but earlier than usual. More rain will seriously damage crops. 12th instant promised fair weather, but wind was still east. If inundation do not subside within a week, submerged young paddy will probably perish. Damage to bhadoi or early crops insignificant as yet.
	31	Sarun, 11th July 1874	8·47	Raining throughout the week; heavy showers on the 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th instant. Too much rain has fallen; weeding operations are being impeded and the young makai (Indian-corn) plant is in many places choked by weeds; with a break of a few days of dry sunny weather the crops now choked with weeds may yet recover, but with a very few more days of rainy weather (such as at present) a large proportion of the makai or the main bhadoi or early crop will be lost. Owing to a flood in the Gunduk, the tract lying to the north of the embankment, covering an area of about thirty square miles, has been inundated and the bhadoi crops have been extensively destroyed. At Seepahea factory the water was flowing into the beating vats and the Mohai had to be stopped. Manufacture of indigo has commenced in some factories. Prices have fallen considerably owing to importations, and partly perhaps to the effect of the large advances of Government grain.
	32	Chumparun, 10th and 12th July 1874.	5·02	Very rainy weather. Very heavy rain reported from Ramnuggur. The rivers have risen and flooded a large tract to the north of Soogowli, destroying indigo and maize crops. The rice crop is uninjured. In the rest of the district prospects continue good, but fair weather is required for the maize and kodo crops which will be injured should the incessant rain continue. Bettiah sub-division—Rainfall from 5th to 11th instant 8·87 inches.

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BENGAL —(*Continued.*)			
Eastern Districts.—(Continued.)			
Chittagong Divn. 22	Chittagong, Oct. 19 '80	3·12	Heavy shower on 13th. Weather since fair, but unusually hot. Prospects of crops good. Cattle disease in Moiscal. Prices stationary.
23	Noakholly „ 14 „	0·39	Weather—hot and oppressive till 13th and 14th when rain began. State and prospects of crops very good.
24	Chittagong Hill Tracts, „ 12 „	2·05	Weather—cool and pleasant in morning. Very hot at noon. Harvesting of joom paddy still continues. Prospects of plough cultivators' paddy crop good. Cotton doing very well and now with pods here and there. Land being ploughed for mustard and other cold-weather crops.
	Hill Tipperah, „ 13 „	1·13	Weather—seasonable. Late rice thriving. Sugarcane doing well. Public health good.
BEHAR.			
Patna Divn. 25	Patna, Oct. 16 '80	0 23	Weather—cool, with east wind. Rain at present falling believed to be general. Prospects of rice good. Fields being ploughed for *rubbee* crops.
26	Gya, „ 16 „	1 57	Weather—still stormy. Late rain has been of inestimable benefit to rice crop all over district. It was also very beneficial for sowing.
27	Shahabad, „ 16 „	0 50	Heavy rain, which appears to be not merely local, now falling. Break in rains caused much alarm, and in some fields ruined the crop. Present rain, if general, will save greater part of the crop.
28	Durbhunga, „ 16 „	1·65	Weather—cloudy; light rain falling. Rain has much benefited *aghani* rice crop and moistened the soil for *rubbee* crops. Autumn harvest almost over. Prices falling. Some fever at head-quarters.
29	Mozufferpore, „ 16 „	0·42	Weather—seasonable. Prospects of crops generally favourable. More rain wanted in some parts.
30	Sarun, „ 16 „	0 01	Weather—bright and seasonable; mornings cool. Late rain, if general throughout district, must have benefited crops. Land being prepared for *rubbee* sowings. Prospects on the whole good.
31	Chumparun „ 15 „	Nil	Weather—cloudy; promises rain. Crops want rain badly.
Bhagulpore Divn. 32	Mongnyr Oct. 16 '80	0·84	Moderate rain at end of week, when it was still raining. Rain has improved the already favourable prospects of winter rice crop.
	Jamui ...	0·80	
33	Bhagulpore, „ 16 „	0·65	Weather—rainy and cool. Prospects of rice good. Present rain most beneficial. *Rubbee* sowings in progress.
34	Purneah, „ 16 „	1·00	Weather—cloudy and damp since 15th; drizzling rain on 16th. Atmosphere almost cold. Reports from different thanas regarding crops very satisfactory.
	Kissengunge ..	0·10	
	Arrureah ...	0·32	
35	Maldah, „ 16 „	0 92	Weather—showery and cool throughout week. Standing crops give very good promise Price of rice has gone up a little. Public health fair.
36	Sonthal Perghs, „ 17 „	2·34	Heavy continuous rain. State and prospects of crops, on the whole, good.
	Godda ..	0·19	
	Pakour .	2·05	
ORISSA.			
Orissa Divn. 37	Cuttack Oct. 15 '80	1·65	Weather—rainy. Cutting of *beali* rice finished. *Lagu sarad* rice in ear. *Garu sarad* thriving well. Price of rice stationary. Cholera disappearing. Small-pox in some parts of district.
38	Pooree, „ 14 „	6·63	Weather—cloudy and rainy. Rain has done good. Rice getting on well.
	Khurda ...	2·35	Harvesting of early rice begun. Common rice 19 to 21 Calcutta seers per rupee. Small-pox still prevails.
39	Balasore, „ 15 „	2·65	Weather—cool and pleasant; eastern wind prevailing. Rain fallen during past week has done immense good. Ryots busy with weeding. Little rice coming to market. Prospects of both present and future (cold-weather) crops very favourable. Health of country good.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
South-West Frontier Agency.			
40	Hazareebagh, Oct. 15 '80	1·20	Weather—seasonable. *Gora* paddy being harvested; outturn more than average. *Aus* paddy in excellent condition and promises a bumper crop. General health good.
41	Lohardugga, „ 16 „	4·55	Weather—variable. On 13th 4·30 inches of rain fell at Ranchi in a few hours, but five miles away there was scarcely a drop. Prospects at head-quarters continue favourable. In Palamow, rain which fell at end of last and beginning of this month has done good. Autumn crops yielded a very fair harvest.
42	Singbhoom, „ 15 „	0·04	Weather—seasonable, cool, and pleasant. Light drizzling rain last two days. Crops doing very well everywhere.
43	Manbhoom, „ 16 „	0·41	Weather—cloudy, with fine intervals. Prospects of crops favourable. Blight reported from Chas, Joypore, and Manbazar. High land paddy in ear. Cold-weather crops being sown. Outturn of lac abundant. Public health good.

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Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 18th July 1874.

	No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.				
		Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division.	1	Burdwan, 20th* July 1874	·44	Weather hot and sultry. Rainfall at Raneegunge over 2 inches, and at Cutwa over 1 inch, but scarcely any has fallen in Boodbood and Culna. Crops suffering much from want of rain. Fever as before.
	2	Bankoora, 18th „ „	3·55	Light showers in parts. Heavy rain at head-quarters on the 16th instant. Rain is still much needed in the greater part of the district, but there has been sufficient at and near head-quarters. Sugarcane and indigo doing well.
	3	Beerbhoom, 18th „ „	1·58	Showery, with intervals of sunshine. The state and prospects of the crops continue excellent Export of week ending 11th instant 1,203 maunds, chiefly to the Bhagulpore division. Prices show a slight rise.
	4	Midnapore, 18th „ „	1·37	Heavy rain fell at Gurbetta on the evening of the 15th instant, where it was much needed. Over the rest of the district the fall has been from an inch to an inch and a-half, as at the sudder station. Indigo manufacture has commenced, and the yield promises to be very abundant. The aous or early rice crop generally promises well The amun or late rice crop is backward, in general, owing to the scanty rainfall.
	5	Hooghly, 18th „ „	1·59	Friday and Saturday clear and sunny, remaining portion of the week cloudy. Wind southerly; a smart shower on Thursday night. In Serampore the rainfall is ·55. The early rice and all crops are very flourishing, but the planting out of the late rice is stopped for want of rain.
		Howrah, 18th „ „	·41	There were a few showers of rain throughout the district during the week. Weather sultry; wind from south and east varying. The seedlings of amun or late rice and jute have been sown. Lands are being ploughed for transplanting the late rice seedlings, but more rain is wanted. Sugarcane looks healthy. Unless there be more rain the country must be irrigated by the rivers—Hooghly, Damoodah, and Roopnarain—and the canals.
		Central Districts.		
Presidency Division	6	24-Pergunnahs, 20th† July 1874.	0·22	Very hot, with occasional light showers. The early rice or aous, in the high lands is being, injured in the Baraset and Barripore Sub-divisions for want of rain. It is still doing well elsewhere. Amun or late rice seedlings are withering in parts of Diamond Harbour. Transplantation going on to a small extent in Satkhira and Diamond Harbour. Heavy rain is everywhere needed. Fever again on the increase at Barripore.
	7	Nuddea, 18th July 1874	0·64	Hot, and the rain which has fallen is not sufficient. The crops are so far very good, but more rain is required for the aous or early rice and much more for the amun or late rice. The weather has been favorable for indigo. Some anxiety is caused by the early rise of the rivers. Prices are decidedly falling; the average price of coarse rice throughout the district does not exceed Rs. 3 per maund.
	8	Jessore, 18th „ „	·89	Cloudy, but unseasonably dry. Wind mostly from the south, south-east, and south-west. The scanty rainfall has been parching the early rice, and immediate heavy rain is much wanted. In Jenidah sub-division the rapid rise of the rivers is causing apprehension. In Magoorah some injury has been done to the paddy in the lower parts of the beels, and the inundation is most unseasonably high. In Narrail the sub-divisional officer says the unexpected and early rise of the rivers has changed the prospects of the early rice crops. In the north-eastern part of the sub-division the flood has choked nearly all the aous paddy which was nearly ripe or about to be reaped. The effects has been, it is said, that there is dearth in every part of the sub-division. This report is under further inquiry. The sub-division had a full ten annas crop last year, and it appears that the injury is not as yet very extensive. Prices have risen at the sudder from 11·8 seers to 10 seers per rupee during the week however.
Rajshahye Division.	9	Moorshedabad, 18th „ „	1·87	Comparatively little rain during the week. Sky cloudy at the time of the report. Want of rain is felt in the west, where the amun or late rice is being transplanted. Some injury will be caused to the seedlings unless there is an early and abundant fall. Aous or early rice is sufficiently advanced everywhere not to suffer from a short drought, other crops are doing well. Prices are steady. Small-pox and cholera still linger in the Sudder Sub-division.
	10	Dinagepore, 17th „ „	4·97	Heavy rain everywhere. Nothing but very excessive rain can prevent an unusually fine bhadoi or early crop, and everything promises well for the winter crop.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
RAJSHAHYE DIVS.—(*Contd.*) 11	Maldah, 18th July 1874	3·88	Cloudy, with occasional sunny days. Heavy showers on Wednesday. Some damage has been done to the jali and bhadoi (early) crops by the overflow of the Pagla and Mohanunda, but the prospects of these crops are still good; some of the sama (grass seed) crops has been flooded. The cultivation of hymunty or winter crop is going on. Fine weather now wanted for all the crops—and on the 18th there seemed to be every chance of there being no more rain for the present.
12	Rajshahye, 18th „ „	1·27	There has been much rain everywhere, but for the last few days the weather has been clear. The rice crops are in the best possible condition. The aous or early rice in some places is beginning to ripen. Jute is doing well as also sugarcane and mulberry. Prices have not varied much, but there has been a slight fall in some places, *e.g.*, Nattore, Baraigaon, and Singra.
13	Rungpore, 17th „ „	2·65	Slight showers alternating with sunshine. The weather is very favorable for crops. Much aous or early rice has been harvested and sells at 20 seers the rupee. Transplanting going on. Amun rice quoted at 15 seers.
14	Bogra, 18th „ „	·42	Weather seasonable and favorable for planting the amun or late rice crops. The state and prospects of the crops as a whole still continue good. A tract in the south-east corner of the district has been inundated, and the aous or early rice will probably be damaged there.
15	Pubna, 18th „ „	0·69	Weather dry and hot, with slight rainfalls. The water in many places has drowned the aous or early rice, kawn, and bhura (millets), which are all ready to be got in. Special inquiries with respect to the estimated loss have been called for. The state of all other crops good. District healthy. A case of small-pox and some cases of water-pox reported from Pubna and Dulai police-station.
COOCH BEHAR DIVS. 16	Darjeeling, 17th „ „	3·85	Rainy and foggy; occasionally clear. Indian-corn and kawn (millet) in the hills and bhadoi and jumeera or early crops and hymunti or winter crops in the Terai are progressing favorably,
17	Julpigoree, 17th „ „	3·54	Sufficient rain, with intervals of bright hot and sunshine. The weather has been all that could be desired for the rice crops. Jute, however, is now reported in some parts to be suffering from overmuch rain, and in the north of the district only half crop is anticipated
	Cooch Behar, 16th „ „	14·88	Very wet, especially in the beginning of the week. The inundation caused by river floods has subsided quickly, as usual, and has not done much damage. Prospects continue good.
	Eastern Districts.		
DACCA DIVISION. 18	Dacca, 20th* July 1874	1·44	Weather very hot last three days. State of crops good, but rain wanted for high lands.
19	Fureedpore, 18th „ „	0·34	Rain during the week, though very little, has yet proved beneficial to the aous crops on the banks of large rivers, where, the soil being light and sandy, alluvion retains little moisture. The rise of the rivers, on the other hand, has caused considerable apprehension; all the low aous lands having been suddenly flooded. Considerable damage must result unless the water recedes rapidly. The aous, which was in ear all over, and was in course of being reaped, has suffered, particularly in Goalundo, Pangsa, and Sadarpore thanas on the Ganges, where the estimated loss is about one-half of the crop. Down south in Madareepore, again, where large rivers and extensive waterways exist to carry off the extra flood, the crops are reported not to have suffered injury in the slightest degree by the rise of the Ganges and Megna rivers; in all other thanas of the district the damage is estimated at from one to four annas: of this crop (aous) the average loss may, however, be taken at two annas all round. In several places also where the rice was almost mature it has been covered up, and it is feared, unless the water drains off at once, the young grain will be lost. No serious damage to the amun, the staple crop, has yet been reported from anywhere. In a few places, where it was growing in the beds of silted up rivers and khals, the young plants have been washed away by the rush of water; but as these localities are limited, and floods affect them more or less every year, this is always precarious. On the whole the damage to the amun from this cause has been very trifling as yet. On the 15th July the Ganges at Goalundo was 21 feet 4 inches high, and on the following day 21 feet 8 inches, or only 4 inches higher in 24 hours. To-day the water appears to keep the same level; it is therefore hoped there will be a fall shortly, in which case the amun will not sustain any injury whatever. The prices of rice at Bhanga, Madareepore, Fureedpore, and Goalundo have fallen, but at Gopalgunge it has slightly risen on account of the damage to the aous in that part of the country. Specific reports from careful inquiry of the extent of injury done to the aous have not yet been received, but the reports sent on the first call represent the prevailing opinion in the different parts of the district, and may be fairly relied on. From these the Collector estimates that of a bumper aous crop which was promised, say a 10-anna crop of aous remains.

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BEHAR.			
Patna Divn. 25	Patna, Oct. 23 '80	2·17	Weather—seasonable. Prospects of rice good. Land being prepared for *rubbee* sowing.
	Barrh ...	1·88	
	Dinapore ...	1·80	
26	Gya, „ 23 „	0·05	Weather—clear and bright. Prospects of crops since late rain excellent.
	Jehanabad ...	1·66	
	Aurungabad ...	1·66	
27	Shahabad, „ 23 „	2·45	Weather—sometimes cloudy, but generally fair. Rain on 16th and 19th came in time to save greater part of winter rice. It was also of great use to cultivators for preparing lands for sowing of *rubbee*. Outturn of millet harvest recently completed estimated at 10 annas.
28	Durbhunga, „ 23 „	Nil	Weather—cool in morning and evening. Prospect of *aghani* rice crop very favourable. *Rubbee* sowings in progress. Prices stationary. Public health good, except some fever in head-quarters.
29	Mozufferpore, „ 23 „	0·38	Weather—seasonable. Prospects of rice continue favourable generally, but more rain wanted in west Seetamurhee. *Rubbee* sowings going on.
	Hajeepore ...	2·42	
	Seetamurhee ...	0·06	
30	Sarun, „ 23 „	2·56	Weather—bright and clear, days hot, nights cool. Late rain has done general good, but more would be beneficial in north-western tracts of district. *Rubbee* sowings going on; early sowings coming up well. On the whole prospects good.
	Sewan ...	1·56	
	Gopalgunge ...	0·61	
31	Chumparun „ 23 „	Nil	Weather—cloudy occasionally; generally fine. Rain wanted badly.
Bhagulpore Divn. 32	Monghyr, Oct. 23 '80	0·51	Weather—getting cooler since last rain. Prospects of winter rice crop continue favourable. Sowing of *rubbee* crops commenced in some parts.
	Begoosserai ...	0·48	
	Jamui ...	0·47	
33	Bhagulpore, „ 23 „	0·32	Weather—cool nights and mornings; bright sun. State and prospects of crops favourable throughout district.
34	Purneah, „ 23 „	0·10	Cool weather has set in. Prospects of late rice very good. Public health bad, fever being everywhere prevalent.
	Kissengunge ...	0·30	
	Arrareah ...	Nil	
35	Maldah, „ 23 „	0·83	Weather—seasonable, showery and cloudy at beginning of week; wind variable. Mornings and evenings now cool and pleasant. Cold weather seems to have set in. Winter rice and *kalai* doing well everywhere. Public health generally fair.
36	Sonthal Pergha, „ 24 „	1·85	Weather—bright and dry. Abundant rain has fallen. A good harvest secure. Cold weather has begun.
	Deoghur ...	8·21	
	Godda ...	3 3	
	Jamtara ...	1·63	
	Pakour ...	1·80	
	Rajmehal ...	0·83	
ORISSA.			
Orissa Divn. 37	Cuttack Oct. 22 '80	2·44	Weather—fair and hot. *Beali* rice gathered; outturn may be estimated at twelve annas. *Sarad* rice in some places flowering. Price of rice 15 to 24 seers per rupee. Cholera disappearing. Small-pox has appeared in town.
38	Pooree, „ 21 „	3·30	Weather—seasonable. Weeding of *sarad* rice completed. Abundant rainfall has done much good. Miscellaneous crops, such as pulses, &c., promising. Common rice 18 to 26 Calcutta seers per rupee. Small-pox not yet disappeared. Cholera still in the country, but Pooree city free from it.
	Khurda ...	9·10	
39	Balasore, „ 22 „	2·48	Weather—rainy at beginning of week, and later on bright and hot. Crops excellent. No more rain required. Public health good.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazareebagh, Oct. 22 '80	0·76	Weather—seasonable. Prospects of *amun* continue excellent. *Rubbee* sowings going on, though rather backward on account of late rain. Public health good.
41	Lohardugga, „ 23 „	0·99	Weather—seasonable. Prospects of crops continue generally favourable at head-quarters. In Palamow prosp cts improved by late rain Public health generally good. Cattle disease in one thana of Sudder sub-division.
	Palamow	1·30	
42	Singbhoom, „ 22 „	0·64	Occasional showers, with clear sunny weather in intervals. Prospects of crops everywhere very good. Rain during week very beneficial for low land crops, and for sowing of cold-weather crops. High land paddy being reaped. General health good.
43	Manbhoom, „ 23 „	0·82	Weather—bright and clear towards end of week; gradually becoming cooler. Blight reported from Chas, and has been heard of lately in other parts of district. Reports generally favourable. Public health generally good.
	Govindpore ...	2 00	

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Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops in the different District of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 30th October 1880.

No.	District, and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVN. 1	Burdwan, Oct. 30 '80	0·61	Weather—fine, but rather hot. Sugarcane and late rice promise very well. *Rubbee* crops being sown. Fever, not severe in its character, very prevalent in Burdwan and parts of other sub-divisions.
	Culna ...	0·22	
	Cutwa ...	1·9	
	Raneegunge ...	0 05	
2	Bankoora, „ 30 „	Nil	Cold weather set in here yesterday morning (29th). Prospects of crops continue excellent. But sowing of cold-weather crops in Bishenpore sub-division retarded owing to continuation of rain.
	Bishenpore ...	0·93	
	Khattra ...	Nil	
	Maliara ...	0·95	
3	Beerbhoom, „ 0 „	0 85	Weather—getting colder. Rain did more harm than good, but rice harvest promises to be abundant. Sugarcane not so good.
4	Midnapore, „ 30 „	0·85	Weather—seasonable. State and prospects of crops generally favourable.
5	Hooghly, „ 30 „	Nil	Weather—perceptibly cooler last day or two. Excellent *aman* crop now sure in four-fifths of district. Cold-weather crops also promise well. Fever very prevalent.
	Howrah Nov. 1 „	Nil	Weather—fine; getting cooler. Stat and prospects of crops good.
	Moheshrekha ...	Nil	

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BENGAL —(*Continued*)			
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVN. 6	24-Pergunnahs, Oct. 30 '80	Nil	Weather—seasonable. Late rice very promising; very good outturn expected. Public health good. Fever prevalent in Satkhira.
7	Nudden, „ 30 „	0·49	Weather—cool latterly. *Amun* rice doing well. Other crops generally good. though in some places rain has injured them. Fever prevalent.
	Kooshtea ...	1·60	
	Meherpore ...	1·03	
	Chooadanga ..	0·92	
	Ranaghat ...	Nil	
	Bongong ...	0 26	
8	Jessore, „ 30 „	0·61	Weather—getting cool and seasonable. Prospects of late paddy good Cold-weather sowings in places retarded by rain. Health generally good.
	Jhenida ...	0 82	
	Magoora ...	1·05	
	Narail ...	0 45	
	Khoolna ..	Nil	
	Bagirhat ...	Nil	
9	Moorshedabad, „ 30 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable. Prospects of crops favourable. *Rubbee* sowings commenced. Public health generally good, except isolated cases of fever reported from the thanas.
RAJSHAHYE AND COOCH BEHAR DIVN. 10	Dinagepore, Oct. 29 '80	0·68	Only a few drops of rain during week. Weather excessively hot for the time of year. Land being ploughed for *rubbee* crops. Fever very prevalent in Dinagepore town. Price of rice 18 to 40 seers per rupee.
11	Rajshahye, „ 30 „	0·53	Weather—seasonable. Condition of *amun* and *ropa dhan* good. *Kalai, khensari,* and peas being sown. Land still being prepared for *rubbee* crops. Price of rice stationary. Fever prevalent in Beauleah town.
12	Rungpore, „ 29 „	1·17	Weather—cool at night; warm in daytime. State and prospects of crops satisfactory.
	Bagdogra ..	1·34	
	Kurigram ..	1·22	
	Gaibanda ..	Nil	
13	Bogra, „ 30 „	0·70	Settled cold weather now. Rainy in forepart of week. *Amun dhan* and sugar cane flourishing. Rain has delayed sowing of cold-weather crops. Fever usual at this season reported.
14	Pubna, „ 30 „	0·17	Some showers at Sudder station, more rain at Serajgunge. Cold season appears to have just set in. Harvesting of *amun dhan* begun; that crop has much benefitted by late rain. Cold-weather crops being sown. Harvest prospects very good, except on higher lands, where there will be a small yield. Public health good.
	Serajgunge ...	1·32	
15	Darjeeling, „ 30 „	1·55	First two days of week rainy. Sky cloudy up to 29th, since then clear. In Terai prospects of winter rice good; *kalai, til,* and *urhur* doing well. In Hills winter rice coming into ear; other minor crops looking well. Tea season nearly over.
16	Julpigoree, „ 30 „	3·42	Weather—rain during first four days of week. Now bright and clear. *Hymanti* rice in splendid condition everywhere. Late rain has done immense good. Prospects of *rubbee* sowings excellent General health good. Small-pox quite disappeared.
	Cooch Behar, „ 28 „	1·12	Some of the mornings were cloudy. Weather cool and pleasant. Rain, which has retarded transplantation of tobacco seedlings and cultivation of cold-weather crops, has done much good to late rice. Small-pox and fever cases in some parts of Mathabhanga Public health generally good.
	Dinhatta ...	0·75	
	Mathabhanga ...	0·71	
	Meckligunge ..	Nil	
	Eastern Districts.		
DACCA DIVN. 17	Dacca Oct. 30 '80	3·09	Weather—seasonable. Harvesting of jute completed; yield average. Prospects of late paddy and sugarcane excellent Fields being prepared for cold-weather crops. Common rice 27 seers a rupee. Public health good.
	Manickgunge (for week ending 27th Oct.)	2·04	
	Moonshigunge (for week ending 27th Oct.)	4 83	
18	Furreedpore, „ 30 „	0·26	Weather—fine, and getting cooler *Amun* rice being harvested Other prospects good, except *kalai*, which has been damaged by rain.
	Goalundo ...	0·60	
	Madaripore ...	Nil	
19	Backergunge, „ 28 „	0·28	Weather—generally fine, heavy dews at night, but north wind not yet established. Prospects excellent, too good in fact for ryots who complain of low prices.
20	Mymensingh, „ 29 „	2·58	Weather—rainy for the time of year. State and prospects of crops excellent.
	Kishoregunge ...	1·52	
	Jamalpore ...	0·24	
	Attia ...	2 65	
21	Tipperah, „ 29 „	0·35	Weather—cloudy, with occasional showers in north. Fair at head-quarters and in south. *Amun* rice continues to promise well.
	Brahmunberiah ...	1·73	
	Chandpore ...	Nil	
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 22	Chittagong, Nov. 2 '80	0·03	Weather—unusually hot. Prospects of winter crops continue good. Cattle disease in Moisoal.
23	Noakholly Oct. 28 „	0·12	Weather—a little too warm for the season. Prospects of crops very good. Early rice nearly harvested. Late rice in flower.
24	Chittagong Hill Tracts, „ 26 „	0·50	Weather—cloudy, with light rain falling occasionally. Joom paddy still being gathered. Cotton in full bearing; it is sold in small quantities in local markets. Plough cultivators' paddy-crop doing well.
	Hill Tipperah, „ 27 „	2·94	Weather—unsettled; sometimes hot and sometimes cool. Sky cloudy. Prospects of *amun* paddy and sugarcane fair. Public health good.

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BEHAR.			
PATNA DIVN.			
25	Patna, ...	.....	Report not received.
26	Gya, Oct. 30 '80	Nil	Weather—seasonable. Maximum reading in shade 92·2°. State and prospects of crops very favourable.
	Jehanabad ...	0·50	
	Aurungabad ...	0·2	
	Nowada ..	0·22	
27	Shahabad, „ 30 „	0 33	Cold weather commenced. Winter rice now on ground estimated at 12 annas. Failure and total loss in some places compensated by good general yield.
28	Durbhunga, „ 30 „	Nil	Weather—cool and clear. Prospects of *aghani* rice continues favourable. More rain required for it in Mudhoobani. *Rubbee* sowings in progress. Tobacco looks very promising. Prices stationary. Public health good, except some fever at head quarters.
29	Mozufferpore, „ 30 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable. Prospects of rice continue favourable generally, but more rain wanted for rice on high lands. *Rubbee* sowings going on. Prices of food-grains stationary.
30	Sarún, „ 30 „	Nil	Weather—fair and seasonable. Rains seem to have ceased and cold weather set in. *Hatya* rain this year insufficient Had there been three inches more, and had that quantity been generally distributed, there would have been every prospect of a bumper rice and *rubbee* harvest. As it is, rice harvest promises to be average, while *rubbee* prospects on the whole good. Public health good.
	Sewan ..	Nil	
31	Chumparun „ 30 „	Nil	Weather—fine; cool at night, Rain wanted badly.
BHAGULPORE DIVN.			
32	Monghyr, Oct. 30 '80	0·49	Cold weather set in; westerly wind in last part of week Prospects of all crops very favourable.
	Begoosemi ..	Nil	
	Jamui ...	0·15	
33	Bhagulpore, „ 30 „	0 36	Mornings and evenings getting cold. Prospects of *aghani* rice good. *Rubbee* sowings in progress.
34	Purneah, „ 30 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable and fine. Rain reported in the north. Prospects of late rice excellent. Cold-weather crops being sown. Fever has prostrated at least half the native population.
	Kissengunge ..	0·84	
	Arrureah ...	Nil	
35	Maldan, „ 30 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable. Mornings and evenings cold. Afternoons still very hot. Winter crops and *kalai* doing well. Common rice 25 seers a rupee. Public health fair.
36	Sonthal Pergha, „ 31 „	0·15	Early cold weather. State and prospects of crops good.
	Deoghur ...	0·06	
	Pakour ..	Nil	
ORISSA.			
ORISSA DIVN.			
37	Cuttack Oct. 29 '80	0·50	Weather—cloudy. *Surad* rice flowering and in some places ripening. Price of rice falling, and is from 16 to 26 seers per rupee. Cholera has disappeared
38	Pooree, „ 28 „	0·78	Weather—cloudy, with prospects of more rain. Harvesting of *laghu* rice going on well. Miscellaneous crops promising. Common rice 18 to 26 Calcutta seers per rupee. Small-pox still lingers. Cholera prevails in some villages, but, notwithstanding influx of pilgrims, town still free from it.
	Khurda ..	1 46	
39	Balasore, „ 29 „	0·21	Weather—cloudy, but little rain. State of crops excellent. Rice cheap. Public health good, with exception of some cases of fever as usual at this season.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazareebagh, Oct. 29 '80	0 02	Cold weather has now fairly set in. Prospects of late rice continue good *Rubbee* sowings still going on. General health good.
41	Lohardugga, „ 30 „	0 35	Weather—cool and seasonable Prospects continue favourable at head-quarters. In Palamow sub-division 0 37 fell within week. *Rubbee* sowings commenced. Prospects of late transplanted paddy favourable.
42	Singbhoom „ 29 „	0 44	Rain two days in week. Weather fine and sunny. Prospects everywhere good Harvesting going on. General health good.
43	Manbhoom. „ 30 „	Nil	Weather—bright and clear during whole of week. Cooler at mornings and evenings. Prospects of crops generally favourable Late rain has done good to high land crops, but have done little damage to *biri kalai*. Public health generally good, except a few cases of measles in Jaipore. A few cases of cow-pox in Chas, with no bad results.
	Govindpore ..	0·30	

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	No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.—(*Concld.*)				
		Eastern Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
Dacca Divn.—(*Contd.*)				believed that some of what is reported as lost may still be recovered. The weather is fairly propitious; the last night's heavy rain may have beaten down some of the early rice ready for the sickle. There is some little small-pox in the district, otherwise the general health is good. Goalundo has been completely flooded, but is now above water again.
	20	Backergunge, 23rd July 1874.	2·80	Close and oppressive weather. Crops good.
	21	Mymensingh, 24th July 1874.	0·19	Generally very hot and sunny. The rivers have fallen somewhat, but a good deal of early rice on the churs have been destroyed. The early rice on main land generally good. Owing to the want of rain the planting out of the late rice crop is becoming very much retarded.
	22	Sylhet, 21st July 1874	2·27	Excessively hot through the week, more like the weather in May than what may be expected at this time of the year. Prospect of crops good. The aous or early rice has pretty nearly been transplanted. Very good progress made in preparing the land for the sail or late rice crop, which will soon be transplanted. The price of rice has fallen a little. The district has not been so healthy this week owing to the unusual and extreme heat of the weather.
Chittagong Divn.	23	Chittagong, 23rd „ „	5·10	Hot and unsettled. More rain is required in the south of the district, where the fall up to date has been deficient. Some patches of early paddy have been cut. Amun or late rice is being transplanted, and is doing well.
	24	Noakholly, 23rd „ „	0·28	Weather very close, with much less rain than is usual at this season. The aous or early rice is in some places ripening and doing well, but for a good outturn throughout the district more rain is wanted. Rain also wanted for transplanting the amun or late rice.
	25	Tipperah, 23rd „ „	·90	Very hot and still, with few showers of rain very partially distributed. Rainfall at Brahmunbariah 1·76. The harvesting of the early rice has commenced, and some of the rice has already found its way to the market. The prospects of both early and late rice are good, but a little more rain is wanted for the latter.
	26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 21st July 1874.	1·23	Excessively hot on the 18th and 19th. Slight showers, with heavy squalls, on the nights of the 19th and 20th instant. The cotton sown in jooms during the first part of May is now in flower and the paddy in ear. Rain is much wanted in almost every part of the district, especially by the plough cultivators for transplantation. A heavy shower would improve the prospects of all the crops.
		Hill Tipperah, 22nd July 1874.	2·63	The early rice is being cut, and the outturn is reported to be very good. There has been very little rain this week; more is much required for the late rice now in the ground and to allow of transplanting going on.
BEHAR.				
Patna Division.	27	Patna, 27th* July 1874	2·10	Weather very hot, but all that can be desired for the young crops. Some good falls of rain shall be required within the next week or ten days to allow of transplanting the rice. Health of the district on the whole good.
	28	Gya, 25th „ „	0·94	Fine and hot. Prospects of crops excellent. A little more rain would be beneficial
	29	Shahabad, 25th „ „	0·40	Bright and sunny, with occasional showers of rain. The transplanting of rice is going on. The weather at present is very favorable, and the prospects of the crops so far good. Health good.
	30	Tirhoot, 25th „ „	1·28	Weather cloudy and excessively hot. In Mudhoobunnee Sub-division 0·68 inch of rain fell during the week, and the prospects of bhadoi or early crops very good. Transplanting of paddy crops rapidly going on in every part of the sub-division. Not so much damage done by floods in Motipore and Kutchra as at first anticipated. In Seetamurhee Sub-division 5·11 inches of rain fell during the week, which did not only immense good to the standing crops, but facilitated the transplanting of paddy a good deal, one-fourth of which yet remaining to be finished. The bhadoi or early crop prospect is unusually fair. Makai or Indian-corn and murwa (millet) are in ear at places. Public health tolerably good. On the eastern part of the sub-division red fever has broken out; the Assistant Surgeon has been deputed to the spot. In Hajeepore Sub-division 0·88 inch of rain fell during the week. The prospects of the crops good. Reports from Durbhunga and Tajpore have not been received. The little rain that fell during the week has not injured the bhadoi or early crops, but done good to rice crop in the Sudder Sub-division. The overflowing of the Little Gunduck and Bagmattee rivers has damaged the crops to some extent. Transplanting of paddy is going on. Public health good.
	31	Saran, 25th „ „	·07	Sultry. East wind prevailing. The weather has been fine during the week; weeding operations are going on steadily, and will shortly be completed. The bhadoi or early crops are all coming up very well and promise an abundant harvest. Sugarcane looks healthy. Manufacture of indigo is going on. Rain wanted for the transplanting of paddy seedlings. Price of common rice has slightly fallen, and that of barley and gram has risen.
	32	Chumparun, 24th July 1874.	0·31	Hot. Cloudy now and then. There have been slight showers now and then in the week under report: as such, the weather was very favorable for the growth of the existing crop.

* Telegram of the 27th July, received on the same day, shows rainfall during the seven days immediately preceding.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)				
Bhagulpore Divn.	33	Monghyr, 25th July 1874	0·29	Cloudy. The past week's sunshine has been beneficial generally to the crops. More rain is now wanted. The bhadoi or early crop prospects are fair. The late rice is being generally transplanted, and the prospects of this crop are good hitherto. Health of the district good.
	34	Bhagulpore, 27th* „ „	1·37	The late dry weather has been of very great benefit to all crops, especially to Indian-corn; rain will now do good in the south of the district. Early murwa (millet) and kheri being reaped. Some new murwa in the markets. General health good, but cholera is still prevalent in many villages south of Ganges.
	35	Purneah, 25th „ „	1·01	Very favorable; showery, with east wind. The bhadoi or early crop has begun to be cut in many places. The early janera rice is in the market. Murwa (millet) and Indian-corn looking very well. The floods have subsided without doing very much harm. The weather is very suitable for the transplanting of the winter rice.
	36	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 25th July 1874.	0·68	There has been a break in the rain of about a week all over the district—excellent for maize, not so good for paddy. The last two days the weather has changed again to clouds and rain. Godda has had most, but wants most. Excellent everywhere. Jenara (Indian-corn) in flower, and in places in ear. Cultivators were beginning to cry out for rain after the week of hot sun. It looks as if we were in for a good deal of rain now. There are heavy clouds all round in the hills, and there have been occasional showers. Highland planting is a little backward. Cholera still breaking out in odd places—sometimes very fatally.
ORISSA.				
Orissa Division.	37	Cuttack, 27th* July 1874	5·36	Rainfall at Jajipore 2·65, Kendrapara 5 3. Crops everywhere in good condition. More rain wanted in parts of Jajipore. Cholera along pilgrim route, otherwise public health good.
	38	Pooree, 23rd „ „	2·85	There has been moderate rain generally. The weather is cloudy and sultry, with alternate sunshine and slight showers. Sowing operations for the late rice crop are nearly completed, except on high lands where they are going on; and the seedlings of previous sowings are thriving. The early rice crop is being weeded. Sugarcane plants are growing. Cotton is being gathered. Mandea, arhur (pulse), and castor plants are coming out. Prices are stationary. The greater portion of the pilgrims assembled for the car festival have gone away. Cholera is prevalent in the city and on the public road.
	39	Balasore, 24th „ „	3·10	Rain has fallen at last, but not before an early change in the weather had become a matter of vital importance. The unusual and obstinate deficiency of rain during the present month (less than one inch having fallen since the 20th June up to the 22nd July) had seriously retarded the growth of the young crop. Recourse was had to irrigation where possible, and much anxiety prevailed. In high and sandy situations the plants have already withered and will come to nothing. But a shower fell on the 22nd, and heavy rain on the 23rd instant, which have already vastly improved the appearance of the general crop and have secured its safety for the present. It is hoped that this rain has been general. Much more is of course required.
CHOTA NAGPORE.				
		South-West Frontier Agency.		
	40	Hazareebagh, 24th July 1874.	0·45	Hot, damp weather without rain during the first half of the week. During the latter part showers light and heavy. The maize reported here and there to have suffered from too much rain; the rice transplanting delayed by drought, but there are grumblings from small patches of country. It is believed that nothing could be better than the present prospects of the crops.
	41	Lohardugga, 25th July 1874.	0·94	During the first part of the week bright and hot, but on Thursday and Friday rain fell, and there is every appearance now of more coming. In Chota Nagpore Proper rain was very much wanted. The high land crops were beginning to be burned, and transplanting of the low land rice was for the most part at a complete stand-still for want of rain. The young plants have suffered somewhat, but no material damage has been done yet. In Palamow, on the other hand, there has been a superabundance of rain, and the makai (Indian-corn), teel (oil-seed), and cotton crops have been damaged by the long continued rain; otherwise the crops generally are said to be doing well, and the prospects of the rice crop are excellent. Prices are falling. General health good.
	42	Singbhoom, 24th July 1874.	0·96	Dry and fiercely hot. A cloudless sky and a blazing sun during the greater part of the week. Unfavorable reports beginning to come in from all parts of the district. More and plentiful rain urgently required. The crops have all but reached the limits of endurance. Cloudy since the 23rd—0 42 of rain. Public health good.
	43	Manbhoom, 25th July 1874.	0·10	Very dry and unseasonable. Since last weekly report a great change for the worse has taken place in the prospects of the crops. Owing to the lamentable want of rain all the early crops on high lands have suffered severely. The early rice, gora, and Indian-corn have suffered the most, but all have been injured more or less; it is doubtful now if more than half a crop will be gathered in some places, even if sufficient rain falls. The seedling paddy has also partly dried up and withered away, and for want of rain transplanting is at a stand-still. Altogether prospects of a good early or late crop are gloomy, and unless a copious down-pour of rain takes place immediately, the state of the country will be seriously endangered.

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Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

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BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 3rd* Aug. 1874	1·93	Over two inches of rain in Bood-bood and Culna, and nearly two in Raneegunge; at Cutwa only half an inch, and at Jehanabad none. Bad accounts received of the crops. Fever increasing.
2	Bankoora, 1st „ „	1·47	Partial showers throughout the district, generally of a slight nature. High wind, with light rain, on 29th and 30th July. The growing crops are doing well in most places, including the aous or early rice crop; but the cultivation of the amun or late rice is practically at a standstill, except in very low ground. Heavy rain is urgently needed. Telegraphed on the 4th. Rain fell in some parts, none in north and west. Prices rising.
3	Beerbhoom, 1st „ „	2·63	Wet during the former, dry during the latter half of the week. State and prospects of the crops generally good, except in some parts of the east by the Moorshedabad district, where the crops are reported to be suffering from drought. Export of week ending 25th July, 1,040 maunds, chiefly to Bhagulpore division. Prices stationary.
4	Midnapore, 1st „ „	3·67	Over 7 inches of rain fell along the sea coast; and the course of the wind and the barometer caused much apprehension of a cyclone there on the 28th July. In all the district south of Midnapore the prospects are generally very good, and the rainfall has been seasonable and abundant. In the north, however, it has been scanty (at Gurbetta only 1·15), and while it has done much good, more rain is wanted in that quarter. Prices are very slow to come down after their recent rise, and a scarcity of rice is reported from many quarters.
5	Hooghly, 1st „ „	2·97	Cloudy nearly throughout the week and stormy. Wind chiefly from east and north-east. Heavy shower on 31st July. In Serampore the rainfall has been 3·30. The crops are all good, except the late rice, which has only partially been planted out owing to scanty rain. It is hoped that the rain will now be sufficient, but heavy rain is required. Telegraphed on the 3rd. Rainfall ·83 at 2-15 A.M.
	Howrah, 1st „ „	4·59	There has been some rain during the week throughout the district. Weather sometimes cloudy and sometimes clear. Wind from south and east, and once going round to north-east and east. The rain during the week has changed the state of the crops. If such rain continues there will be no fear of a bad harvest. Ryots are preparing land for transplanting amun or late rice seedlings, and some have already commenced transplanting. Jute, sugarcane, and aous or early rice, are good.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 3rd† Aug. 1874.	5 25	Sultry and showery. There was a heavy fall of rain on Friday, 31st July, in the Sudder, Diamond Harbour, Baraset, and Barrackpore sub-divisions. It has greatly improved the prospects of both the aous or early and amun or late rice crops. Transplantation has commenced everywhere except in Satkhira. More rain, however, is still needed. Fever prevails in the Sudder, Busseerhat, Satkhira, Barripore, and Diamond Harbour sub-divisions. Cholera has abated in thanas Sultanpore and Muthoorapore.
7	Nuddea, 1st Aug. 1874	4·16	There has been generally less rain than at the Sudder Station. The rain which has fallen during the week, though almost everywhere insufficient for the late rice, has done much good to the early rice. More rain is much required. At Kooshtea the aous or early rice harvest has commenced. The outturn of indigo is unusually good. The drought has sent up prices again a little.
8	Jessore, 1st „ „	1·14	Cloudy, with occasional slight showers. The prospects of the crops throughout the district are generally favorable. In the Lohagara and Alfadanga stations, in the Narrail sub-division, the loss of the early rice caused by the inundation is said to be irretrievable, but the late rice plants are reviving since the inundation has gone down a little. The rain has done good, but anxiety is still felt as to the unseasonable character of the weather and the short amount of the fall, and generally more rain is wanted. Prices have been falling a little, owing partly to the abatement of anxiety consequent on the late rain, and partly to the early rice already finding its way in some places into the market.

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BENGAL.—*(Contd.)*				
		Central Districts — (Contd.)		
Rajshahye Division.	9	Moorshedabad, 1st Aug. 1874.	·74	There has been a very inadequate rainfall for the season of the year; a good shower came down on the 31st July, but it was far from sufficient after the preceding drought. The rain appeared to be general, but reports have not yet been received from the interior. Rainfall at sub-divisions Jungypore 2·05, Rampore Hat 1·06, Lallbaugh, 2·32. More abundant rain is required in the Bhurtpore, Gokurn, and Kallyangunge thanas, where the amun or late rice seedlings just transplanted and the broadcast sowings, are suffering much from its absence. Unless there is a good downpour within two or three days, the prospects of this crop will be very seriously affected. The aous or early rice also in the east of the district is suffering from the drought. Altogether the prospects are not nearly so favorable as in the first three weeks of the past month, and damage has already been caused to the crops, which can hardly be repaired. Prices remain about stationary. Small-pox begins in places.
	10	Dinagepore, 31st July 1874.	2·68	Showers alternated by bright sunshine. The weather has been most favorable for the crops. Jute is being cut, and new jute is in the market; early bhadoi too has been gathered. The main crop is fast ripening; transplanting for the winter crop is well forward.
	11	Maldah, 1st Aug. 1874	1·06	Cloudy and stormy, with occasional rain and brisk sun. The prospects of the bhadoi or early crop continue good. The reaping of bhadoi and Indian-corn has begun in Gorgoribah. Hymunto or late rice cultivation is going on briskly.
	12	Rajshahye, 1st „ „	0·18	Very high winds in the first part of the week, which have done a little damage. There has been some rain in all parts of the district, which has improved all the crops, but more rain is wanted. The aous or early rice crop is ripening fast; in a few places it is being cut. It is less forward in the middle of the district than elsewhere. The amun or late rice promises well. Mulberry, sugarcane, and jute, are all good crops In Tannore, however, the latter has been a good deal injured by insects. In the north jute is being cut, and a good outturn is expected. Prices have risen slightly in places owing to a decrease in the quantities imported. The rise will probably not be of long duration.
	13	Rungpore, 31st July „	0·54	Generally cloudy, with slight showers. State of crops generally favorable. In places caterpillars have attacked the late rice plants owing to excess of moisture, rendering fresh transplanting necessary.
	14	Bogra, 1st Aug. „	1·80	Seasonable weather. The state and prospects of the crops still continue very favorable. The season has been particularly favorable for the transplanting of the amun or late rice, the young plants of which present a most vigorous appearance. The aous or early rice is being cut, and it is being sold in many places at 20 seers the rupee.
	15	Pubna, 1st „ „	0·67	Slight rain on the 26th July. An average loss of six annas in the aous or early and about two annas in the amun or late paddy has been done by the unusual rise of the water. The water has for the present subsided to a great extent. Harvesting of the early rice, bhura and kowni (millets), going on. A case of cholera reported from Pubna station, and some fever prevails.
Cooch Behar Dvn.	16	Darjeeling, 31st July „	2·37	There has been a good deal of bright and pleasant weather in the hills. All the crops, both in the hills and the plains, are progressing very favorably, but more rain is wanted in the Terai.
	17	Julpigoree, 31st „ „	·40	There has been very little rain this week; the weather close and hot. No anxiety is yet experienced regarding the late rice, but a heavy rain is now needed for this crop. The early rice is now being cut in places, and is a good full crop.
		Cooch Behar, 30th „ „	0·27	Fine and on some days very hot. Favorable prospects; fine harvest of the aous or early rice is being reaped, and amun or late rice is being planted out.
		Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division.	18	Dacca, 3rd* August 1874	3·	Seasonable weather. Crops good.
	19	Fureedpore, 1st „ „	1·05	Weather clear and sunny the first two days of the week. Tuesday and Wednesday strong wind accompanied by rain. Rain also on Thursday and Friday, a very heavy shower having fallen on the morning of the latter day. The rivers continue subsiding in the north of the district, but they are steadily rising in the south. This is not likely to do harm, as the flood in the south rises slowly and the growth of the rice keeps pace with it. The remaining aous or early, and amun or late rice, after the loss reported in the last report consequent on the sudden rise of the waters, are in a promising condition, but should the rivers in the north go down still lower, it will injure the amun considerably, as the plant is weak from excessive growth to keep pace with the flood, and it will fall when the water fails to support it The ripe aous is fast being reaped. The price of coarse rice is stationary at Fureedpore, Goalundo, and Madareepore, and has fallen at Gopalgunge, but has risen at Bhanga, owing probably to decrease in importations. Three officers have been specially deputed into the interior, one in each sub-division of the district, to report on the crops and condition of the people. Some of the agriculturists in the northern thanas have lost nearly their all in the destruction of the aous which has taken place, and the Deputy Collector of Goalundo is advancing rice to all such as require assistance. No sickness is reported as generally prevalent in any part of the district.

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	Eastern Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
Dacca Divn.—(*Contd.*) 20	Backergunge, 30th July 1874.	6·44	Rainy weather. Prospects of crops good.
21	Mymensingh, 31st July 1874.	1·55	Generally fine and very hot, with occasional showers. The sunshine has done no harm to the crops already planted out, but the want of rain is becoming serious for the high lands in the north and centre, where the ryots have been unable to transplant at present.
22	Sylhet, 28th July 1874	3·02	Extremely hot; such weather has never been known in July. The thermometer last Sunday stood at 90° in one of the coolest rooms in the Collector's house at 5·30 P.M. Prospects good. The hot and dry weather has pushed forward the aous or early rice crop, half of which has been cut and the rest promises well. The ploughing of the sail or late rice land is progressing. There has been a good deal of sickness—fever generally, sometimes cholera—owing to the unusual state of the weather.
Chittagong Divn. 23	Chittagong, 30th „ „	3·96	Rain every day at head-quarters; the fall being heaviest on the 30th July up to noon. From Cox's Bazar 2·40 inches reported up to 28th July. The aous or early paddy promises well, and reaping has commenced. More rain is wanted for the amun or late rice, especially in the southern thanas. Cholera reported from Potia in the Sudder and Chuckeria in the Cox's Bazar sub-division.
24	Noakholly	.....	Return not received.
25	Tipperah, 31st „ „	4·58	Some days of rainy weather, with one or two hot still days. Prospects of the early rice crop are excellent; just a little more rain is wanted for the late rice crop.
26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 28th July 1874.	3·7	Heavy fall of rain throughout the whole week. The cotton and paddy crops sown in the beginning of May are ripening. Plough cultivators have begun to transplant their seedlings. More rain would be beneficial.
	Hill Tipperah, 29th July 1874.	3·12	Almost daily rain, but showers not heavy. Quite cool. Ploughing going on; land being prepared for transplanting the late rice crop. Prospects of late rice crop everywhere good. The aous or early rice being cut; the outturn will probably be below the average.
BEHAR.			
Patna Division. 27	Patna, 3rd* August 1874	2·99	Weather most seasonable, and all that could be desired for the young crops, which are reported well off everywhere. The number of cholera cases reported is on the increase, and there is a good deal of fever about.
28	Gya, 1st „ „	2·65	Seasonable weather. The bhadoi or early crops are magnificent, and the rice excellent.
29	Shahabad, 1st Aug. 1874	1·30	Stormy, with high east wind at the beginning of the week, clear and hot the last three days; occasional showers. There has been more rain in the south than in the north of the district; steady and heavy rain is much required for the paddy crop in all parts. The present dry weather, if it continues much longer, will do great harm. The Soane rose in flood on the 1st August. Health on the whole good.
30	Tirhoot, 1st „ „	2·05	Weather cloudy and hot, with east wind prevailing. In Mudhoobunnee sub-division 1·05 inches of rain fell during the week. In many places "murwa" (millet) will be harvested in the next fortnight. The other bhadoi or early crops are also doing well. Transplanting is still going on in several parts of the sub-division, but more rain is wanted soon to save the paddy crops on the high lands. Report has not been received from Hajeepore, Durbhunga, Tajpore, and Seetamarhee sub-divisions. The rainfall during the week has benefited the paddy crops on high lands in the Sudder sub-division. Bhadoi or early crops are doing very well. Weeding operations are being pushed on with vigor, and though some damage has been done in parts by the overflowing of the rivers and by the heavy rain, prospects are still favourable. Prices of grain stationary. Public health good.
31	Sarun, 1st Aug. 1874	·95	Generally hot and sunny. East wind prevailing. Slight showers general throughout the district. Weeding operations are almost completed. The bhadoi or early crops are all coming up very well, and promise an abundant harvest. More and plentiful rain is now much wanted for the late rice crop, which is reported to be injured by the drought in places. In parts of the district the rainfall has been very deficient. Manufacture of indigo is going on, but the outturn is small. Price of common rice and gram has slightly risen, owing to a falling of in the importation.
32	Chumparun, 31st July 1874.	0·30	Sunny, with strong east winds and occasional partial light showers and thunder storms. The prospects of the crops not injured by inundation are still most favorable. Rain is now wanted. Threatening weather at the time of report.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
Bhagulpore Divn. 33	Monghyr, 1st Aug. 1874	2·08	Hot and cloudy. The prospects continue favorable; more rain is, however, wanted, particularly in the Begoo Serai sub-division.
Bhagulpore Divn. 34	Bhagulpore, 3rd* „ „	·37	Weather most favorable. Murwa (millet) and bhadoi or early rice are splendid crops. Reaping of some of both has commenced. It remains yet to be seen whether all aghani or late rice lands will be cultivated; some of the lands are still under water, and some which were sown have been damaged. Rain is wanted now in the south of the district, but more fine weather is looked for in the north. Cholera is abating, fever is prevalent here and there.
Bhagulpore Divn. 35	Purneah, 1st „ „	1·56	Sunny, very hot but seasonable; slight showers of rain towards the end of the week. Prospects of crops everywhere very good. Bhadoi or early rice being harvested in Kissengunge and Rulrampore. Yield good. Koosi floods almost entirely subsided, having done but little injury.
Bhagulpore Divn. 36	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 1st Aug. 1874.	2·71	Rainfall, at Deoghur 2·34, at Godda 1·54, at Rajmehal 4 inches. Rain said to be badly wanted at Jamtara. Indian-corn promises to be a great crop everywhere. Paddy is looking well. Planting is backward about Doomka on the high lands. Since the last rains field work is going on most vigorously. Good rain on the morning of the 1st August, and heavy rain to be seen all round.
ORISSA.			
Orissa Division. 37	Cuttack, 3rd* Aug. 1874	7·48	Nearly the same quantity of rain fell all over the district. Steady and continuous rain all the week. Several rivers flooded; no harm done. Crops flourishing. Cholera on pilgrim routes.
Orissa Division. 38	Pooree, 30th „ „	7·24	There has been general and ample rain. The weather at the time of report was fair and hot. Sowing completed; transplantation and cultivation of the late rice crop, and weeding of the early rice crop, are going on. The plants are growing well. Sugarcane is doing well. Cotton is being gathered. Mandea is being weeded. Ahur (pulse), castor-seed, and til-seed (oil-seed) plants, are coming out. Prices stationary in the mofussil. The pilgrims have nearly gone away. Cholera and fever are prevalent both in the city and in the interior.
Orissa Division. 39	Balasore, 31st „ „	9·68	Heavy and continuous rain during the first six days of the week. During ten consecutive days ending with 29th July nearly 13 inches of rain fell. The Balasore rivers rose and submerged a large tract, the flood reaching the level of, but not topping, the Trunk Road. The inundation is now subsiding. This timely rain has rendered the general prospects of the crop excellent. A splendid yield is expected from the inundated tract.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazareebagh, 31st July 1874.	4·41	The crops are flourishing. There has been abundant rain and also sunshine. The few days of fine weather which delayed the transplanting of the rice did immense good to the maize. Alternate rain and sunshine suits every description of crop, including tea. Nothing could be better than present prospects.
41	Lohardugga, 1st Aug. 1874.	7·27	Rain every day; there was a fall of 4½ inches on Wednesday, and the fall seems to have been general. The rain was much wanted, as the high land crops were being burnt and transplantation was at a standstill. The crops have now revived, and transplanting is going on briskly. The goondli (millet) crop will be reaped immediately. In Palamow the weather has been fair, with alternate showers and sunshine, but the makai or Indian-corn has suffered from the previous heavy rain. The prospects of the rice crops there are now excellent, and the area of cultivation is very large. Prices easy. General health good.
42	Singbhoom, 31st July 1874.	8·30	Cool. Heavy clouds about. Abundant rain all over the district since date of last report, and not an hour too soon. Transplanting, &c., in full swing. Public health generally good. Condition of the people satisfactory.
43	Manbhoom, 1st Aug. 1874.	2·42	Favorable. Since the date of last report a change for the better has taken place in the state and prospect of the crops. Rain fell on the 25th ultimo, and continued till the 29th, but has again ceased. The crops on high lands, which were withering away, have greatly benefited, and if rain continue to fall occasionally, all will yield a full crop, except the Indian-corn and gora or early rice, in which a loss of two annas has occurred in some, but not all places. More rain, however, is wanted for transplanting, but sufficient has fallen to admit the lowest lands being planted out, at which the people are busily engaged.

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Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 8th August 1874.

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BENGAL.				
		Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division.	1	Burdwan, 10th* Aug. 1874	1·32	Rainfall at Culna 4·99, at Cutwa 1·40, at Jehanabad nil, at Raneegunge 1·17, at Bood-bood 3·12 inches. More rain wanted. Prices higher at Sudder. Public health fair. Fever as before.
	2	Bankoora, 8th „ „	1·92	Rain has fallen more or less heavily in the greater part of the district, but there has been no general rain. The aous or early rice crop is a fine one, and is doing well. The prospects of the amun or late rice in the east and south are improved The Janar or Indian-corn crop in the east is very good. Indigo is also fine. More rain is wanted, especially in the north, to complete the transplantation of the late rice. Telegraphed on the 10th. Heavy rain yesterday and to-day reported from all sides. Prospects much improved.
	3	Beerbhoom, 8th „ „	3·41	Showery during the greater part of the week. The state and prospects of the crops are generally excellent; in some parts in the east of the district the crops are comparatively backward, owing to want of rain. Export by rail of week ending 1st August, 2,538 maunds, chiefly to the Bhagulpore Division. Prices stationary.
	4	Midnapore, 8th „ „	2·58	Alternate showers and sunshine; very favorable everywhere, except in the north, where the rainfall continues insufficient. Indigo has suffered much in yield from the rain, but the early rice has benefitted, and transplanting of the late rice have been facilitated. The present week shows a decided improvement, but more rain is wanted in the north, and prices continue to rise all over the district.
	5	Hooghly, 8th „ „	2·30	Cloudy, with occasional smart showers; east and southerly breeze. Rainfall at Serampore 6·08. Less rain in the interior than at Hooghly. Early rice and miscellaneous crops are flourishing, but the condition of the main rice crop is rapidly becoming very critical. Very heavy rain is required to save it. Little or none as yet has been transplanted.
		Howrah, 8th „ „	2·31	There has been rain during the week throughout the district. Weather sometimes cloudy and sometimes clear, wind from south and east and once north varying. The rain has done much good to the crops. The ryots are preparing lands for transplanting late rice, and transplanting has commenced in some parts, but more rain is wanted throughout the district. Jute, sugarcane, and early rice are good, and have been greatly benefitted by the late rain.
		Central Districts.		
Presidency Division.	6	24-Pergunnahs, 10th† Aug. 1874.	4·70	Warm and showery. The prospects of the aous or early rice are favorable. Transplanting of the late rice continues backward. With the exception of the Sudder and Barripore Sub-divisions, there was no heavy fall of rain in the district during the week. More rain is still required, particularly in the Satkhira Sub-division. Jute being cut. Fever of an ordinary type prevailing in Satkhira, Busseerhaut, and Diamond Harbour. Malarious fever continues in Barripore. A few deaths from cholera reported from Bankipore; a few cases of small-pox from Kalarea. The outbreak, however, appears to have subsided.
	7	Nuddea, 8th Aug. 1874	1·68	The rainfall has been very insufficient. In the distressed part of the district the early rice has been so much injured by the drought that *at the most* not more than half a crop is expected. In the rest of the district, some damage has been done, but not so much. The crops on low grounds will give good returns. The late rice crop is thrown back very much for want of rain. Prices nearly stationary.
	8	Jessore, 8th „ „	2·33	Generally cloudy and overcast with a south-east wind. The light showers that have fallen have done good, particularly to the early rice, and prospects are generally favorable.
Rajshahye Division.	9	Moorshedabad, 8th Aug. 1874.	0·66	The rainfall of the week has been quite inadequate for the late rice crops in the Sudder Sub-division. The Sub-divisions of Lallbaugh and Rampore Hât have been somewhat more favored, and the heavy rain which fell on the 7th at and about Jungipore, will do a great deal of good in that sub-division. The prospects of the amun or late rice crops in the thanas of Bhurutpore, Gokurn, and parts of Kulliangunge are gloomy. There has been no improvement since the last report, and unless heavy rain falls very soon, there will, it is apprehended, be greater failure in these thanas than last year. The showers of the past week were of benefit to the aous. Prices stationary except at Goas, Jellinghee, and Nowada. At the two former places there has been a fall of 3 seers, and at Nowada a rise of one seer. In the two former hardly any winter rice is grown. In the last named, late and early rice are grown in about equal proportion.
	10	Dinagepore, 7th Aug 1874.	2·9	Showers all over the district of varying duration. Bhadoi or early crops being cut; in many places the crop is a very good one. The transplanting of the late rice on *khear* lands nearly completed, on *polie* lands being pushed on. The weather has been on the whole favorable for both crops.

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	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
RAJSHAHYE DIVN.—(*Contd.*) 11	Maldah, 8th Aug. 1874	0·61	Cloudy and sultry with occasional rain. The prospects of the bhadoi or early crops are still very good and reaping has begun in several places. Some of this crop has been destroyed in the low lands, but less than was anticipated. Indian-corn has begun to ripen, and promises very well. The cultivation for the hymunti or winter rice is going on. The sudden fall of the Mohanunda has damaged this crop slightly, but the river is rising again. Rice is selling at head-quarters from 12 to 13·8 seers.
12	Rajshahye, 8th „ „	2·95	There has been rain generally in all parts; in many places so much as to be very beneficial. The aous or early rice is being cut; the yield is generally very good. The amun or late rice crop is growing well, but more rain is necessary, and unless it falls more plentifully than it has within the last three weeks, this crop will be very seriously affected. Jute, sugarcane, mulberry, and arhur (pulse) are all thriving. Prices have fallen almost everywhere, in the town of Beauleah considerably. In a few places there has been no change. Public health very good.
13	Rungpore, 7th „ „	0·53	Very stormy and threatening, and occasional slight falls of rain. Rain is much wanted; transplantation of the late rice is being retarded on the high lands, and some plants are withering, but in many parts there is abundant water in the fields, and active operations are in progress. There has been a good fall of rain to the north, and prospects there have much improved. Aous or early rice harvest is approaching completion, and is ample.
14	Bogra, 8th „ „	·43	There is nothing to complain of. The transplanting of the amun or late rice crop is nearly finished, and aous or early rice of unprecedented excellence, is being cut. Crops should, however, be better off if there were good heavy rain now, as the rivers and tanks have fallen very low and the fields are getting dry.
15	Pubna, 8th „ „	0·80	Slight rainfall on the 3rd and 5th, and a strong east wind blowing. The greater portion of the aous or early rice and bhura and kowni (millets) crops is cut, and they have been of much use to the people. Prospects of the late rice are good. Fever prevails.
COOCH BEHAR DIVN. 16	Darjeeling, 7th „ „	4·73	A little more rain than there was last week, but still a deficiency for this time of the year. In the plains, the janera or early paddy is being reaped in some parts, but this is a very insignificant crop. The bhadoi to be reaped in about a month or three weeks, is progressing favorably. There are, however, complaints of want of rain. In the hills the early maize and kowni (millet) is being reaped, and a good outturn is expected. The early potatoes have come into the market, and are very fine and abundant.
17	Julpigoree, 7th „ „	3·51	Bhadoi or early crop is now being cut everywhere, and fully comes up to the expectation that it would be a first-rate crop. Heavy rain set in on the morning of the 7th, and if it continues, all apprehension as to the late rice crops will be removed. So far the late rice promises well. The rain will enable the transplanting, which has been suspended for a few days, to go on well.
	Cooch Behar, 6th „ „	3·51	Hot at the beginning of the week, afterwards cool and showery. Same as last week. Very good. Jute will be less than an average crop.
	Eastern Districts.		
DACCA DIVISION. 18	Dacca, 10th* Aug. 1874	0·45	Weather hot and little rain, rivers falling fast. Crops not injured as yet.
19	Fureedpore, 8th „ „	1·91	Rain on Monday and Tuesday (3rd and 4th), accompanied by strong wind, the rest of the week bright and sunny with alternations of cloudy weather. The rivers continue falling, and unless copious falls of rain occur very shortly, the late rice crop, weakened previously from rapid growth, will be seriously injured. Price of coarse rice has fallen at Fureedpore, Goalundo, Bhanga, and Gopalgunge owing, in some measure, to the aous or early rice, which is in course of being reaped, coming into the market, but it has risen at Madareepore from 16 to 12 seers per rupee, owing to the strong wind preventing boats from coming to the bazar. No sickness.
20	Backergunge, 6th „ „	2·02	Plenty of rain without, however, the weather being cloudy for any length of time and with ample sunshine. Prospects of crops good. The aous or early rice harvest has begun in places.
21	Mymensingh, 7th „ „	0·27	Three and one-fourth inches of rain in the east, and two inches in the western portion during the week. The prospects continue satisfactory throughout the eastern portion of the district as well as in the Atia Sub-division, but the want of rain in the centre and north is a serious matter, since the time for planting out seedlings is nearly past.
22	Sylhet, 4th „ „	5·	Oppressive nearly all through the week. Prospects of crops good. Aons or early crop is being cut. Sali or late rice transplanting commenced. District still a little unhealthy. Fever prevalent. The rivers have fallen a good deal.

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	Eastern Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 23	Chittagong, 6th Aug. 1874.	1·36	Showers daily, but no very heavy fall. 15·22 inches reported from Cox's Bazar to 3rd instant. The aous or early rice is being reaped all over the district. Transplanting of the amun or late rice is going on. Prospects generally favorable. Cholera not reported the last few days.
24	Noakholly, 6th Aug. 1874	7·4	Cloudy, rainy, and windy. The rain has done good to the crops, but more is wanted. Reaping of the aous or early rice has commenced in places.
25	Tipperah, 7th „ „	2·55	Cloudy and showery; cooler than last week. The aous or early rice is being harvested, it promises to yield a good outturn. The prospects of the amun or late rice are also good up to date.
26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 4th Aug. 1874.	2·92	Hot during the first part of the week, cool and pleasant during the latter part. Seasonable weather; the falls of rain during the week have generally improved the prospects. The early crops are now ripening in the jooms. More rain is wanted by the plough cultivators for transplantation.
	Hill Tipperah, 5th Aug. 1874.	2·38	Rainy and cloudy during the latter part of the week. Reaping of the aous or early rice crop, and planting of the amun or late rice going on. More rain wanted.
BEHAR.			
PATNA DIVISION. 27	Patna, 10th* Aug 1874	...	Weather most favorable for the bhadoi or early crops, though in some parts of the district more rain is wanted to allow of the transplanting the paddy. Health of the district generally good, though cholera has made its appearance in some parts.
28	Gya, 8th „ „	4·46	Seasonable weather. Murwa (millet) ripening. Bhadoi or early crops exceedingly promising, and rice strong and healthy.
29	Shahabad, 8th „ „	2·57	Cloudy with heavy showers at intervals. Extremely heavy rain on the morning of the 8th August. Prospects of the crops generally good. The rain this week has enabled the cultivators to transplant their rice in all directions. The bhadoi or early crops promise well. More rain still required for the late rice. Public health on the whole good. Cattle disease here and there in the Sasseram Sub-division, but not in a severe form.
30	Tirhoot, 7th „ „	0·09	Cloudy and hot. In the Durbhunga Sub-division the continued drought, which, with but an insufficient break, has now lasted nearly three weeks, has had an injurious effect on the prospects of the bhadoi crops, which in places are assuming an unhealthy color. Transplanting winter rice has also been checked by want of moisture. Clouds have been gathering for the last two days. In the Mudhoobunnee Sub-division early murwa (millet) and sama (grass seed) are being reaped in a few places. The other bhadoi or early crops, that were sown early, are reported to be in a good condition, except "gumrhi" or "sathi," which requires more rain. The later sown bhadoi is drooping for want of rain, and the drought has stopped transplantations of paddy in the high land though much remains to be done. If rain keeps off much longer, very serious damage will be done. In Seetamurhi Sub-division the crops are apparently thriving, but zemindars complain that rain is much wanted to bring on the sati, sama, and murwa. Mr. Tripe of Amoouh writes—"the bhadoi will be next thing to a failure, unless we get four or five inches of rain within three or four days." There has been no heavy rain for a fortnight, and rain is needed to ripen the crop which will be cut after next week. Fever of ordinary malarious type prevails in a few villages. In the Tajpore Sub-division the continuous dry weather has seriously affected the crops. There is no chance whatever now of the full bhadoi crop once promised; later rain may yet ensure a 10-12 anna crop, but every day's drought cuts about an anna off the outturn. Much of the makai or Indian-corn is coming to flower before it has obtained its full growth, and the cobs forming on that full grown are shrivelling from want of moisture. Kowni (millet) and sama (grass seed) are in fine ear, but much will fall away without rain. Murwa is looking burnt, and in some places comes prematurely into ear. Dhan is backward, and there is still some to be transplanted. The prospects of bhadoi crops are deteriorating in the Sudder Sub-division. Public health good. In the Hajeepore Sub-division rain is much wanted for the low-lying dhan crops. Gunduck has risen very high, and done some slight damage near Hajeepore.
31	Sarun, 8th „ „	1·10	Cloudy since Wednesday; east wind prevailing. Partial showers throughout the district, generally of a slight nature. The bhadoi or early crops are all thriving very well and promise an abundant harvest. Steady and heavy rain is much required for the rice crop in all parts. Manufacture of indigo is going on, but the outturn is small. Three-fourths of the lands in the Dighmarah Thana as well as the Dearahs of the Chupra Thana are stated to have been submerged, owing to a rise of the River Ganges, and the crops are still under water. The extent of damage done will be reported on the subsidence of the flood. Prices have slightly risen in consequence of the falling off in the importation. Cholera in a mild form has broken out in the town, and also of a more virulent type in parts of the interior.
32	Chumparun, 7th „ „	0·45	Very slight showers with sunny breaks in the north. Elsewhere rain threatening and not falling. Some injury has been done by the prolonged break in the rains. A few crops have withered and transplanting has been impossible. On the 7th a very heavy shower has fallen, and looked as if it were general and more was coming.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
Bhagulpore Divn. 33	Monghyr, 8th Aug. 1874	2·97	Showery and seasonable. The rain has been generally beneficial. The rivers in the district have risen very high during the week, and large tracts of land under bhadoi or early crop have been flooded and the crops damaged. The rain has been very beneficial for transplanting rice, which is going on all over the rice tracts of the district. On the whole the prospects are good.
34	Bhagulpore, 10th* „ „	2·30	Rainfall at Soopool over 4·50, Banka, 2·32, Muddehpoora about 3 inches. The rain is just what is wanted for the late rice. No rain could now harm the early crop which is splendid. Ganges in very high flood and still rising. Prices falling. General health good, but fever and cholera are still hanging about.
35	Purneah, 8th „ „	4·99	Light showers in the beginning of the week; weather most seasonable. Heavy rain on the night of the 7th; weather cooler. State and prospects of crops excellent. A 16-anna bhadoi, or early crop is being reaped: yield excellent. Late rice being transplanted everywhere.
36	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 8th Aug. 1874.	7·10	Very heavy rain in Doomka on the night of the 6th. Deoghur 2·97 in showers. Godda not received. Rajmehal unintelligible, but rain was wanted in both places. Makai or Indian-corn splendid in Doomka, not so good in Godda. Everything good in Deoghur and Moheshpore, except a little *sathi dhan* in Moheshpore suffering for want of rain. If the late Doomka rain goes north, nothing could be better than general prospects.
ORISSA.			
Orissa Division. 37	Cuttack, 10th* Aug. 1874	7·80	Rainfall at Jajpore 3·85. Heavy rain throughout the district till end of the week, when the weather cleared a little. Floods in all the rivers. Crop will not suffer from being under water, provided the floods dry up soon as seems probable. A little cholera still in some places.
38	Pooree, 6th „ „	5·05	There has been general and ample rain. The rain has done good. The weeding of the early rice crop is going on well. Transplantation of the late rice is progressing satisfactorily. Sugarcane is thriving; cotton being gathered. Mandia is being planted and also partly weeded. Arhur (pulse) castor and teel (oil-seed) plants are growing well. Prices are stationary in the mofussil. Cholera and fever continue, especially in the city, but are much diminished.
39	Balasore, 7th „ „	6·21	The flood-spill of the different rivers throughout the district is gradually subsiding. The rain has ceased, and the earthing up of the crop is being actively carried on.
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	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazareebagh, 7th Aug. 1874.	4·21	Abundant rain and sunshine. The millet is being reaped, it is a splendid crop, and the other bhadoi or early crops are expected to be as good. There is a good deal of cholera in the Pachumba Sub-division and small-pox in the district. There has been also typhoid fever in the European barracks for some time. The season is doubtless unhealthy.
41	Lohardugga, 8th Aug. 1874.	6·90	Seasonable; alternate rain and sunshine. Rain has fallen plentifully. The high land crops have been revived and transplanting has been carried on vigorously during the last fortnight. All the crops now promise well. The goondli (millet) is being harvested and is reported to be a full crop. In Palamow, the weather has been very favorable for the crops, and the prospects both of the bhadoi or early and late rice crops are excellent. The rainfall there was 3·11. Prices falling. General health good.
42	Singbhoom, 7th Aug. 1874.	5·43	Cloudy and damp. Rain most abundant all over the district. Agricultural operations active. Transplanting of rice in full swing. Fields full of water and appearance of the crops excellent. General health good, but cholera here and there in some villages. Condition of the people satisfactory.
43	Manbhoom, 8th Aug. 1874.	3·15	Seasonable. Since the date of last week's report, the weather has continued very favorable, and all the high land crops have very much benefitted thereby. The goondli (millet) is being cut and Indian-corn is nearly ready for being gathered. The gora paddy has greatly recovered and will probably produce a 14-anna crop. The pulses, mung and keri, could not be doing better. Altogether state and prospects of the crops on high lands are very good indeed; transplanting is now going on vigorously all over the district.

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Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 15th August 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division. 1	Burdwan, 17th* Aug. 1874	1·89	Rainfall at Culna 1·62; at Cutwa 2·17; at Bood-bood 1·06; at Raneegunge 1·66; at Jehanabad nil. Complaints still made of want of rain, and transplantation of amun or late rice reported to be delayed, but the crops in the Sudder Sub-division do not look amiss. Fever as before.
2	Bankoora, 15th „ „	3·22	Heavy showers in most parts, but scanty in a few small tracts, especially in the west. The crops generally are doing well, but amun or late rice transplantation is not carried on rapidly, where the rainfall is less abundant. General health good.
3	Beerbhoom, 15th „ „	0·94	Showery weather. The state and prospects of the crops in the portion of the district lying west of the Railway are excellent; in the south-east, comprising Divisions Lallpore and Socoolipore, fair; in the north-east, *i.e.* in Burwan, and the north-east of Mouressar Divisions, bad, owing to drought; fair throughout the rest of Mouressar. Export by rail, of fortnight ending 8th August, 402 maunds, all to the Moorshedabad district. Prices almost stationary.
4	Midnapore, 15th „ „	2·45	Heavy rain fell on Monday, the 10th, rest of the week fine, but showery. Slight improvement in prospects reported from almost all quarters. The aous or early, and amun or late rice crops both promise thus far to be very little below the average. The late rice crop may, indeed, yet be very good. Subordinate crops also doing well.
5	Hooghly, 15th „ „	·88	Cloudy and sunny alternately, with wind from south and south-east; partial showers. Rainfall at Serampore 2·48. The rainfall has been insufficient and the transplantation of the main rice crop has been generally postponed, though in parts it has been effected.
	Howrah, 15th „ „	1·67	There has been some rain during the week, throughout the district. Weather sometimes clear and sometimes cloudy. Wind from south and east. The ryots are preparing lands for transplanting amun or late rice seedlings, and in some parts, transplanting has commenced, but more rain is wanted throughout the district. The jute, sugarcane, and aous or early rice, have been benefitted by the late rain. The rain has kept back so long that an average crop of the late rice is not expected.
	Central Districts.		
Presidency Division. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 17th† Aug. 1874.	0·95	Warm and close, with occasional light showers. There has been no heavy rain during the week. The transplantation of the late rice continues very backward. Much anxiety is felt regarding this crop in the Busseerhat, Satkhira, Baraset and Barripore Sub-divisions. The continued dry weather is in places injuring both the early and late rice planted on the low lands. The harvest of the early rice has commenced. Fever continues in Diamond Harbour, Barripore, and Satkhira.
7	Nuddea, 15th Aug. 1874	0·40	No return received yet from Bongong, but everywhere else the rainfall has been insufficient. In the distressed part, they have had one day's good rain, which has much improved the aous or early rice. The crops on high lands have suffered greatly, while those on low lands will be very good. The outturn will vary much even in neighbouring villages. The average in the distressed part, will probably be 8 annas of what was at first expected, or (allowing for the increased area sown) about 10 annas of an ordinary year. In the rest of the district, the aous has been much injured by drought, but (allowing for increased area) there will be about 12 annas fair ordinary year gathered. Not much amun or late rice has yet been transplanted; but if there be good rain within 8 or 10 days, the only harm done by the drought would be, that the crop would be thrown back. Indigo has not turned out quite so large a crop as had been anticipated.
8	Jessore, 15th „ „	·61	Generally cloudy. The rainfall is very short for the season of the year. The aous or early rice, though it has suffered in many places from drought, and in part of Nurail from inundation, is on the whole a good crop. The amun or late rice also promises fairly, but there is much want of rain. In Jhenida it is said that the plants are getting withered, and in Jessore and part of Khoolnah they cannot be transplanted. In Nurail, the chotua amun on the higher land is getting scorched, and in Khoolna and Bagirhat also insufficient rain is complained of.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
Rajshahye Division. 9	Moorshedabad, 15th Aug. 1874.	0·34	There was no rain worthy of mention during the week. Clouds accumulate daily, but pass off without rain or with very light showers only. The heat is greater than it has been for some weeks past. The early rice harvest is going on in different parts of the district. The outturn in the Jungypore Sub-division is expected to be very good, as more rain fell there at the time that the ears were forming. In the Sudder Sub-division deficient rainfall has greatly reduced the outturn of the more advanced crops, and has retarded the progress of crops which were sown later. In the parts of Burwa bordering on the Bhagirnthee, an extensive area of crops has been withered by the drought, and nothing but a heavy downpour could be of any avail now. The late rice crops in Bhurutpore and Gokurn particularly are in a very precarious state. There have been but two or three slight showers in those parts during the last fortnight. Kalleangunge is fortunately slightly better off.
10	Dinagepore, 14th Aug. 1874.	·31	There has been heavy rain to the north and south-east. Showers in other places. A good deal of the bhadoi or early crop has been cut, in most places a very good crop. Hymunty or late rice is looking well; more rain wanted to enable the transplanting on high lands to be completed.
11	Maldah, 15th Aug. 1874	2·	The first three days cloudy and rainy, and the last four days cloudy and sunny alternately. Bhadoi or early crop is being reaped and is turning out well, as too sama (grass seed) and Indian corn. Hymunty or late rice sowings are still going on. Some damage has been done by the Mohananda rising again. Rice is little cheaper.
12	Rajshahye, 15th „ „	0·90	There has been rain throughout the district during the week, but heavy rain only to south of Nattore for about 24 hours; more rain required to ensure a crop of the transplanted late rice. The early rice is being cut more extensively than last week, the yield being good. A good deal of this crop in the Ganges dearahs has been submerged by the present great rise of the river, and is, of course, lost; the Attrai is also rising for the second time and is flooding some of the bheels in and round which both early and late rice are growing. The late rice crop is doing well all over the district according to latest report. More rain, however, would be beneficial, especially for the bhurind. Jute and other crops are thriving. Rice has, however, become cheaper everywhere.
13	Rungpore, 14th „ „	0·74	Weather much as before; slight showers intermitting with bright sunshine. There has been nearly 3 inches of rainfall at Gyebandah, and in parts the fall has been sufficient to enable transplantation to proceed, but more rain is wanted, especially at the extreme south, where the crops are in very bad condition, owing to the want of it. Jute is being cut, and is a fair crop.
14	Bogra, 15th „ „	2·43	There is nothing serious to complain of, but more rain would do good. The young amun or late rice, a great part of which has been transplanted, looks very well. There is still moisture in most of the fields, although on high lands the effects of deficient rainfall are visible. The aous or early rice is almost completely harvested. Miscellaneous crops, such as mulberry, sugarcane, and jute promise a full outturn. Health of the district is generally good.
15	Pubna, 15th „ „	0·54	Rain fell almost every day of the week, but showers were slight, and a strong south-east wind blowing. Harvesting of bhura and kawni (millets) and early rice is still going on. The prospect of amun or late rice is favorable. State of sugarcane, arhur (pulse) and turmeric is good. Fever still continues.
Cooch Behar Dits. 16	Darjeeling, 14th „ „	3·52	Alternate rain and sunshine. In the plains more rain has fallen than during the previous week, and the cultivators say that there is now no danger for some time to come. On the whole, crops in both the plains and the hills are reported as progressing very favorably.
17	Julpigoree, 14th „ „	3·40	The weather has been most favorable for the rice crop; heavy showers and hot intermediate days. Bhadoi or early crop, which is being cut, is a fine crop. Hymunty being still planted out, promises very well. Jute not all round as good a crop as usual.
	Cooch Behar, 13th „ „	5·04	Showery and cloudy with bright sunshine occasionally. Excellent harvest of aous or early rice continue to be gathered, and the prospects of the amun or late rice are most favorable as yet, the weather having been as propitious as possible.
	Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division. 18	Dacca, 17th* Aug. 1874	1·01	Weather seasonable. State of crops critical, if rivers go on falling, damage will be done.
19	Fureedpore, 15th „ „	1·29	Excepting on Monday, drizzling rain throughout the week, alternated by cloudy weather and sunshine. The aous or early rice crop all over the district is in course of being reaped, and in many parts is already gathered in. The river is happily rising again, which will be beneficial for amun or late rice, and the rain has done good to both early and late rice. The price of coarse rice has fallen at Fureedpore and Goalundo, remains the same at Madareepore and Bhanga, but has risen slightly at Gopulgunge, owing to the new aous rice not being brought to the market for sale in that part of the country.

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BENGAL.—(*Concld.*)				
		Eastern Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
Dacca Divn.	20	Backergunge, 13th Aug. 1874.	1·32	Rainy and close. Prospects of crops good.
	21	Mymensingh, 14th Aug. 1874.	2·80	Hot with light showers. There is still a great want of rain and in the east the rain has been very much less than in the sudder station. Transplantation of the late rice is still retarded.
	22	Sylhet, 11th Aug. 1874	3·24	Very close weather. Prospects of crops good. More rain wanted for the amun or late rice and *katarie* crops, especially the latter. Exportation of rice continues. Fever still prevalent all over the district.
Chittagong Divn.	23	Chittagong, 13th „ „	·90	Slight falls of rain almost daily, weather cloudy and breezy; 1·07 inches of rain reported from Cox's Bazar up to 11th instant. Reaping of the aous or early rice is progressing, as also transplanting of the late rice crop. More rain will soon be wanted for the latter. No cholera reported during the week.
	24	Noakholly, 13th „ „	7·31	Weather variable, in general cool for the season, with stormy south wind. Heavy rain on the morning of the 10th and 11th. Aous or early rice has been partly reaped, and except on some high lands where the rain was insufficient, promises well. The amun or late rice is being transplanted.
	25	Tipperah, 14th „ „	1·66	Bright and clear, with a cool south-east wind; only a few showers of rain. Weather quite unlike what it ought to be. The aous or early rice is being harvested, and the outturn promises to be good. The amun or late rice is still in a promising condition, but more and heavy rain is much wanted.
	26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 11th Aug. 1874.	1·34	Hot throughout the whole week. The paddy crop is now being reaped here and there in small quantities by the Joomeahs. The prospects of the joom crops are generally good, but more rain would be of benefit to the plough cultivators.
		Hill Tipperah, 12th Aug. 1874.	1·55	Weather cloudy and unsettled. Transplanting of the late rice going on; nothing particular to report.
BEHAR.				
Patna Division.	27	Patna, 17th* Aug. 1874	·99	Weather all that could be desired for the young crops, much more rain has fallen both in the Barrh and Behar Sub-divisions than at head-quarters, and the transplanting of the rice is going on briskly. Health of the district, fair.
	28	Gya, 15th „ „	1·49	Seasonable weather; the bhadoi or early crops are magnificent, and the khureef or late crop is doing as well as could be wished for.
	29	Shahabad, 15th „ „	5 60	Showery, with intervals of clear weather. Everywhere favorably reported on. Paddy transplanting has been carried on in all directions. Excessive rain has fallen on the plateau lands. Health of the district, on the whole, good; fever in places.
	30	Tirhoot, 15th „ „	2 53	Cloudy at intervals, easterly wind prevailing. In the Hajeepore Sub-division 3·99 inches of rain fell. The prospects of the crop near about Hajeepore are good. In the interior of the sub-division the prospects are not favorable, owing to deficiency of rainfall. In the Tajpore Sub-division the rain has been most partial and uneven. There has been most in the western side of the sub-division, and there heavier in the south than north. On the night of the 13th about three-quarters of an inch fell at Hursingpore, Tajpore and Poosah, but less in the west and south. The rain, light as it was, has been most useful to all bhadoi or early crops, except the very early makai, for which it has come too late. About 8-10 annas crop of makai, kownee and samon all round is still hoped. There will be more in south-west and west; for such outturn of murwa, (millet) rain is still required. There has been nowhere sufficient rain for the paddy even in low churs, this is looking burnt, and transplantation is at present at a stand still. Aluas or potatoes are being put out; Sutthnees, another sort of potatoe or bulb, are promising. In the Durbhunga Sub-division transplanting of winter rice is still checked by want of moisture. Many fields on this account are lying untilled. Bhadoi crops have been injured to extent of from two to four annas, but crop on the whole promises to be a fair one. Sama (grass seed) being cut in some places. Rain much wanted. In the Mudhoobunnee Sub-division later sown bhadoi crops are suffering from the drought, but early crops are being reaped in many places. The drought is doing serious damage to the paddy crop. Transplantation on high lands almost at a stand still, though much remains to be transplanted. Great anxiety is felt with regard to this crop. In the Seetamurhee Sub-division the bhadoi dhan or early paddy and murwa have been reaped in places. Murwa early sown yielded full crop; later sown murwa not yet cut; is expected to yield 12-anna crop. Sathi and sama backward for want of sufficiency of rain; 3 or 4 inches required to ensure full crop. Maize also backward. Aghani dhan or late paddy is suffering, except in lands near Bagmutty. Cholera and malarious fever prevalent in places. In the Sudder Sub-division the prospect is the same as reported last week. Rain is much wanted for both bhadoi and winter crops. Public health good.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
Patna Divs.—(*Contd.*) 31	Sarun, 15th Aug. 1874	2·46	Cloudy with sunny breaks. East wind prevailing. Partial showers throughout the district. Except where destroyed by inundation, the bhadoi or early crops are nearly everywhere thriving well, and promise an abundant harvest. Aghani or late rice is being transplanted in places where the rainfall has been sufficiently heavy, but general transplantation is still retarded in many parts of the district by the want of rain. Manufacture of indigo going on, but the outturn is small. About three-fourths of the bhadoi or early crops in the Dighwara thana are stated to have been destroyed by the late inundation, and near Chupra three-fourths of the crops in twelve villages are reported to have been lost from the same cause, while damage has been caused to crops in other villages also; detailed inquiries are being made. Prices steady. Cholera has broken out in the town and in parts of the interior.
32	Chumparun, 14th „ „	2·76	No general rainy interval, but very heavy showers throughout the district alternating with sunshine. Light showers still continue. Prospects have much improved since last report, and the rainfall has been sufficient for the present except in a small tract in the south-east of Ramnuggur Sub-division. The bhadoi or early crops are now safe for a fair outturn, which will be large compared with other years owing to the great breadth sown this year. Winter rice is generally safe for the present. More rain is wanted and expected.
Bhagulpore Divs. 33	Monghyr, 15th „ „	0·90	Showery weather. More rain wanted. The prospects generally on high lands continue good. Unfortunately the Ganges rose and flooded the dearahs and low lands subject to inundation before the bhadoi or early crop could be secured. The crops on several thousand acres have been more or less destroyed. It must be remembered, however, that these lands are sown with bhadoi as a speculation only, a crop being secured not oftener than once in five or six years. These remarks apply chiefly to the Begoo Serai Sub-division. In Jamooee and Sudder Sub-division prospects both as regards early and late rice crops continue very good.
34	Bhagulpore, 17th* „ „	1·85	Weather reported from the north as very favorable, leaving little more to be desired. The aghani or late rice crop with one or two more seasonable falls of rain within the next month, and a final downpour in October, should be a very fine one. Rain, however, is urgently required in the south of the district for the late rice, but it holds off notwithstanding heavy clouds. General health very good.
35	Purneah, 15th „ „	2·07	Showery and seasonable. Transplanting of late rice and reaping of early crops going on well. Prices falling considerably. New rice in large quantities in the market.
36	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 15th Aug. 1874.	1·62	Drizzling all through the week at Doomka; at Rajmehal 1·2 inches of rain; at Godda ·98; and Dooghur not received. Everything as good as possible about Doomka. Heavy rain seen constantly in the hills; good reports from the Damun. Uncertain reports from Godda. The north, which means Moucharee, now said to be doing well; janera (Indian-corn), called a 10-anna crop. Rain is wanted in Rajmehal; and the rising Ganges is doing much mischief.
ORISSA.			
Orissa Division. 37	Cuttack, 17th* Aug. 1874	5·32	Rain at Kendraparah 3·1, at Jajepore ·075. Though frequent and heavy rain was less constant last week and seems breaking; crops under water in low lands, but not damaged. Prospects excellent. Sporadic cholera.
38	Pooree, 13th „ „	2·31	There has been copious rain, which is falling daily. The weeding of the early rice crop and the transplanting of the late rice are going on well on high lands. Operations on low lands are at a stand-still, owing to excessive rain, which has submerged them and caused some slight harm to the crops in certain parts of the district. Sugarcane is doing well. Cotton is being gathered. Mundia (pulse) is being weeded, arahur (pulse) castor and teel or oil-seed plants are doing well. The prospects of all the crops are yet fair and hopeful. The rivers rose and have now fallen. The flood has caused some inconsiderable damage. Prices are stationary in the mofussil. Cholera and fever continue, but in a diminished degree.
39	Balasore, 14th „ „	2·71	Rain has fallen on six days of the week. The fall has been particularly heavy in the south-east of the district, where a great part of the pergunnahs in the north bank of the Byturnee has been under water for a considerable time, and fears are entertained for the safety of the crop in low lying plains. General prospects are excellent.
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40	Hazareebagh, 14th Aug. 1874.	·69	Rain throughout the district exactly as required. Early millet crop being reaped. Not a grumble anywhere. Heavy rain early in the week; fine, steamy, Calcutta weather at present. Cholera less, small-pox less, but typhoid in the barracks as before. Jails, European and native, perfectly healthy.
41	Lohardugga, 14th Aug. 1874.	3·81	Cloudy and close, but little or no rain since the 8th, when the fall was 3·60. The weather has been very favorable for harvesting the goondli (millet) crop, which is said to be a full one. All the other crops at present promise very well. In Palamow the rainfall has been 2·85. The bhadoi or early crops there are reported to be particularly fine, and the rice prospects excellent. General health pretty good.
42	Singbhoom ...	... ...	Return not received.
43	Manbhoom, 15th Aug. 1874.	0·41	Dry weather. There has again been another break in the rains, and from the centre and south-east of the district the reports are less favorable than last week. In the sub-division of Gobindpore the prospects are good, as more rain has fallen there. No damage has yet been done, but more rain is very much required. The maturing of the early crops in some places is being delayed, and in others transplanting is hindered for want of water in the fields situated on high land.

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Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 11th December 1880.

	No.	District, and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.				
		Western Districts.		
Burdwan Divn.	1	Burdwan, Dec. 11 '80	Nil	Outturn of rice crop fair. *Rubbee* progresses favourably. Fever bad everywhere, except thanas Raneegunge and Assensole. Rice 25 seers per rupee.
		Culna ...	Nil	
		Cutwa ...	Nil	
		Raneegunge ...	Nil	
	2	Bankoora, „ 11 „	Nil	Weather—seasonably cold. Harvesting of *amun* still going on Prospects of sugarcane and winter crops favourable. Fever in most parts of district.
	3	Beerbhoom, „ 11 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable. *Amun* rice harvest going on; outturn very good. *Rubbee* crops doing very well. Much fever reported.
	4	Midnapore, „ 11 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable. State and prospects of crops favourable throughout district. Fever, which was lately very prevalent in this town and in many places of this district, has abated a little.
	5	Hooghly, „ 11 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable. The *amun* crop is yielding an excellent harvest. Cold-weather crops promise well. Fever still very prevalent.
		Howrah, ...	.....	Report not received.
		Central Districts.		
Presidency Divn.	6	24-Pergunnahs, Dec. 11 '80	Nil	Weather—cold and seasonable. Outturn of *amun* crop throughout district excellent; cold-weather crops promising The state of public health at head-quarters pretty good. Much fever about in the sub-divisions. Cholera prevails in Kamarpole and Kulagachia in Diamond Harbour sub-division.
	7	Nuddea, „ 11 „	Nil	Weather—cold and clear. State of crops favourable. Fever still prevails, but fresh cases are few, and in some parts it is abating.
		Kooshtea ...	Nil	
		Meherpore ...	Nil	
		Chooadanga ...	Nil	
		Ranaghat ...	Nil	
		Bongong ...	Nil	
	8	Jessore, „ 11 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable. Crops excellent. Food of all kinds very cheap. Health of people very bad. Fever in an epidemic form present in large areas of the district.
		Jhenida ...	Nil	
		Magoora ...	Nil	
		Narail ...	Nil	
		Khoolna ...	Nil	
		Bagirhat ...	Nil	
	9	Moorshedabad, „ 11 „	Nil	Weather—cold. *Amun* paddy is harvested. *Rubbee* sowings almost over. Fever reported from all parts of the district.
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar Divs.	10	Dinagepore, Dec. 10 '80	Nil	Weather—cool, with heavy mists at night. Sowing of mustard and reaping of rice crop continue. Prospects excellent.
	11	Rajshahye, „ 11 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable. The winter rice crop is being harvested apace; outturn expected to be above average. *Rubbee* crops thriving. Fever prevalent. Common rice 25 seers per rupee.
	12	Rungpore, „ 10 „	Nil	Weather—cool. State and prospects of crops good.
		Gaibanda ...	Nil	
		Kurigram ...	Nil	
		Bagdogra ...	Nil	
	13	Bogra, „ 11 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable. Rice harvest getting on still. Some species of pulses are being gathered. Condition of all standing crops very good. Public health good.
	14	Pubna, „ 11 „	Nil	Weather—normal. Harvest of late rice still going on. Cold-weather crops looking well, except peas in Serajgunge. Cases of cholera still reported from Serajgunge sub-division.
	15	Darjeeling, „ 10 „	Nil	Weather—early part of the week sunny; but cloudy at the close, threatening rain or snow. In the Hills wheat, barley and mustard in the fields. Winter rice being harvested; prospects good. In the Terai winter rice being cut; tobacco being sown; mustard, *til*, and *kalai* on the ground looking well.
	16	Julpigoree, „ 11 '80	Nil	Weather—clear and cold. *Amun* crop about being reaped. Winter crops prospering. Fever prevalent.
		Cooch Behar, „ 10 „	Nil	Weather—fair; cold; mornings foggy. *Hemunto* harvest continues to yield good outturn. Prospects of all crops good. Fever prevalent.
		Dinhatta ...	Nil	
		Mathabhanga ...	Nil	
		Meckligunge ...	Nil	
		Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Divn.	17	Dacca, Dec. 11 '80	Nil	Weather—seasonable. Harvesting of *amun* crop still going on; yield expected to be full average; *kalai* and other winter crops promising. Fever still bad in the Manickgunge sub-division.
	18	Furreedpore, „ 11 „	Nil	Weather—cool and seasonable. Harvesting of late rice progressing. Fever prevailing in parts of district.
		Goalundo ...	Nil	
		Madaripore ...	Nil	
	19	Backergunge, „ 9 „	Nil	Weather—fine. Reaping of *amun* continues. Prices falling. Fever still prevalent.
	20	Mymensingh, „ 10 „	Nil	Weather—cold at night, with heavy dew; fairly warm in the day. Prospects of both present and future crops reported as excellent for all parts

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 15th August 1874.

Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 22nd August 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 24th* Aug. 1874	1·11	Rainfall at Raneegunge 1·16; Bood-bood 2·40; Cutwah ·85; Culna 4·55; Jehanabad nil; want of rain complained of; prospects of crops not satisfactory; aous or early crop being cut in Cutwa; outturn short; fever as before.
2	Bankoora, 22nd „ „	* 4·20	Heavy showers fell during the week, but more or less unevenly distributed. General prospects improved; cultivation backward in a few places. Aous or early rice generally in ear. Indian-corn, kheri, &c., almost all gathered. Outturn very good.
3	Beerbhoom, 22nd „ „	·80	Showery. State and prospects of crops west of the railway continue excellent; fair throughout the rest of the district, excepting Burwan division and eastern portion of Mouressur, where the continued drought prevents transplantation; little hope of a fair crop in that part of the district. Rain wanted all over the east of the district. Export by rail, of fortnight ending 15th August, 185 maunds, all to Moorshedabad district. Prices rising.
4	Midnapore, 22nd „ „	2·12	Fine and dry up to Friday, on which day copious rain began to fall and continued till the despatch of the report. On the whole the weather is favorable. Prospects in the south of the district reported good: elsewhere about average, except in the extreme north of thanas Chunderconah and Ghattal, where, over a limited area, almost complete drought and marked failure, in sowing the late rice crop, is reported. The indigo yield has turned out better than was expected.
5	Hooghly, 22nd „ „	·20	Wind chiefly from south-east. Heavy passing clouds, but little or no rain. In Serampore the rainfall was ·77. Aous crops and jute fair. Amun or late rice crop partially planted out in few thanas only, in the remainder it cannot now be planted out. Rain still holds off except at and close round Serampore.
	Howrah, 22nd „ „	2·37	There has been some rain during the week throughout the district; weather sometimes clear and sometimes cloudy. Wind from south and east. The aous or early rice crop on the high lands is suffering. Lands are being prepared for transplanting the late rice seedlings and in some parts transplanting has commenced, but the cry throughout the district is for rain; unless there is heavy rain in a few days, there will be very little of the late rice crops. The jute and sugarcane are flourishing.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 24th† Aug. 1874.	5·02	Very close during the first part of the week, with occasional light showers. Warm and rainy during the latter part. Heavy rain fell during the week in the Sudder, Diamond Harbour, Barripore, and Bussirhat sub-divisions. Transplantation of the amun or late rice in these sub-divisions is now being rapidly proceeded with. Rain much needed in the other places. Harvest of the aous or early rice and jute progressing. The former will be a fair average crop, the latter an exceptionally good one. But owing to scarcity of water in some sub-divisions much difficulty is felt in macerating the plant. Fever still very prevalent in Diamond Harbour, Barripore, Bussirhat, and Satkhira.
7	Nudden, 22nd Aug. 1874	·72	The rainfall has been and still is very small. The aous or early rice crop is being harvested; the estimate given in last week seems still pretty correct, though in some parts the outturn is rather better than was expected. Of the amun or late rice crop only about one-fourth has been transplanted. Rivers have generally slightly fallen.
8	Jessore, 22nd „ „	·75	Generally cloudy. The rainfall still continues very scanty. The early rice cut and uncut may be taken, notwithstanding all drawbacks, inundation doing damage at some places and drought at others, as being about a 12 annas crop. The late rice or amun also promises fairly. In Jenidah, Magoorah, and Nurail, broadcast sowing prevails. In Jessore, Khoolna, and Bagirhat, transplanting is more or less prevalent, and the transplanting has been considerably interfered with by the drought, which has also been injurious to the higher ground crop known as the *chota amun*. Nevertheless if rain falls now, the prospects continue good. The indigo outturn is generally favorable; prices of food grains have fallen in those places where early rice is ready. In Hurinacoond it had fallen to 20 seers, and though the return shews a rise to 17 seers, later information shows it as having again fallen to 19 seers. Where the crop has not found its way to the market and in those parts of the district where the amun or late rice largely preponderates, prices still continue as high as 11 to 13 seers; but as the harvest progresses, a further fall is to be expected.

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BENGAL.—*(Contd.)*	*Central Districts.—(Contd.)*		
Rajshahye Division. 9	Moorshedabad, 22nd Aug. 1874.	Not received.	The week has been characterised by the same want of rain as its predecessor. A few showers fell in different parts of the district, but have not been sufficient to improve prospects. A heavy shower has, however, fallen on the day of report. It is not yet known how far it extended. The late rice crop continues in the critical state already noticed. Mirzapore and the west part of Sooty are suffering as much from drought as the western thanas of the Sudder sub-division. Telegraphed on the 25th August one inch and half of rain since Saturday, further falls probable.
10	Dinagepore, 21st Aug 1874.	1·13	Partial rain. In some parts heavy, in others deficient. The bhadoi or early crop is being reaped; more rain is wanted to render the winter crop safe.
11	Maldah, 22nd Aug. 1874	1·11	Cloudy and sunny alternately. Weather warm, rain much wanted; heavy clouds collecting on Saturday evening. The bhadoi or early crop now being harvested, and though it has been injured in places by the rise of the Mohanunda, is on the whole a very good crop; more rain is wanted for finishing the transplanting of the late rice crop
12	Rajshahye, 22nd „ „	·19	The rainfall of the week has been very scanty all over the district. Rain is much needed for the aous or early rice which is still standing, as also for the ropa (transplanted) paddy, and if it does not soon fall in sufficient abundance, a partial if not total failure will be the result. The deep water rice is doing well, and believed to be safe. Prices have been stationary in some parts, in others they have fallen. The lowest rate reported is 19 seers and highest 12 seers per rupee.
13	Rungpore, 21st „ „	1·07	Very slight showers fall constantly, but not sufficient to affect rain-gauge, ¼ inch fell on the 18th and the same quantity on the 20th. Reports are still favorable to the north and east, where transplantation is active, but elsewhere the cry is for rain. Half the land is yet untouched and it will soon be too late to cultivate the high lands this year.
14	Bogra, 22nd „ „	2·69	A deficiency of rainfall is reported to be doing harm in the north of the district. In all other parts of the district the crops are doing well. The aous or early rice crop is nearly cut, and the transplanting of the amun or late rice is nearly finished. Sugarcane, jute, mulberry, and arhur (pulse) are doing well. General health good.
15	Pubna, 22nd „ „	·38	Dry and hot; slight rain in the nights of the 19th and 20th; clouds accumulate daily, but pass off without rain or with slight showers only. The water of the river is receding and want of rain is much felt. The prospects of the amun or late paddy good, but subsidence of water may prove injurious. Harvesting of the jute commenced. Fever prevails.
Cooch Behar Dits. 16	Darjeeling, 21st „ „	5·43	Very favorable weather. Rain has fallen every day in the hills and teral, but not often heavily. Crops, in both the plain and the hills, are reported as progressing very favorably. The new maize has come into the market and is selling at Rs. 2 per maund.
17	Julpigoree, 21st „ „	7·34	Heavy rain has fallen this week, falling mostly at night with bright hot days. No weather could be better for the hymunti or winter rice crop. Transplanting of the crop is now being rapidly completed and nothing could promise better than it now does. The bhadoi or early crop is still being cut, and as it now comes into the markets in large quantities prices are everywhere falling considerably.
	Cooch Behar, 20th „ „	5·67	Rain on five out of the seven days, falling generally at night. At head-quarters and throughout the greater part of the state the weather has been propitious since the commencement of the rainy season, but in the extreme south a break of nearly a month has been experienced. Heavy rain has fallen in the south in the last few days, but more is wanted.
	Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division. 18	Dacca, 24th* Aug. „	1·16	Weather showery and windy. State of crops same as before—still uncertain.
19	Fureedpore, 22nd „ „	1·47	Rain throughout the week, chiefly in drizzle. Weather generally cloudy. The prospect of the amun crops is on the whole good; at Ainpore, it is said, insects have attacked the growing paddy in some places. In Madareepore the sub-divisional officer reports that on account of the falling of the rivers the prospects are not promising. The rivers all over the district have not yet risen to the height they usually stand in August. The price of coarse rice at Fureedpore, Bhangah, Gopalgunge and Madareepore remains the same as last week, and at Goalundo it has fallen from 16½ to 18 seers.
20	Backergunge, 20th Aug. 1874.	·73	Cloudy and cool. Rain somewhat deficient. Prospects good.
21	Mymensingh, 21st „ 1874.	2·31	Hot with light showers. In Kisoregunge sub-division rain only ·15. Very much more is required everywhere; much land still remains for transplanting of the late rice; jute everywhere good.
22	Sylhet, 18th Aug. 1874	2·06	Very close weather. Prospects good. The crops on the high lands want more rain. Transplanting of the sail (late) rice not yet completed. (Not sali as erroneously printed in the last Gazette). District not so healthy as usual at this time of the year.

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BENGAL.—(*Concld.*)			
	Eastern Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 23	Chittagong, 20th Aug. 1874.	·27	Hot and unseasonably dry for the time of the year. Reaping of the aous or early rice crop continues and the outturn is fair. Rain is now much wanted for the amun or late rice crop, and the unusually dry weather retards transplanting. Cholera reported from Chuckeria and fever from Moiscal (Cox's Bazar).
24	Noakholly, 20th „ „	4·76	Weather cloudy and rainy Aous or early rice has in some places been reaped and promises well Transplantation of amun or late rice is going on. Rain has done much good to the standing crops.
25	Tipperah, 21st „ „	·67	Bright and hot, very little rain. Much more and heavy rain is greatly required for the amun or late rice, which is being transplanted. If heavy rain does not come within the next fortnight, this crop will suffer considerable loss. The aous or early crop is still being harvested, and will yield a fair average outturn.
26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 18th Aug. 1874.	1·13	Hot and cloudy, with slight showers at intervals, almost invariably in the afternoon. The joomeas are now engaged in reaping their paddy crops. The cotton is doing well. The plough cultivators have nearly finished their transplanting operations; more rain is wanted by them.
	Hill Tipperah, 19th Aug. 1874.	0·46	Very little rain for the time of year. Transplanting is going on. The aous or early rice crop is nearly all cut, it will be below the average. More rain is much needed. Prices stationary.
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PATNA DIVISION. 27	Patna, 24th Aug * 1874	1·82	Weather partly cloudy and partly clear with heavy showers at intervals, all over the district; transplanting of rice plants in some places is being carried on vigorously and in others nearly completed. Health of the district on the whole good.
28	Gya, 22nd „ „	2·33	Fair weather. Crops still good, but rain is wanted for the rice.
29	Shahabad, 22nd „ „	1·04	Cloudy and unsettled, with occasional and heavy showers. State and prospects of crops very good so far. The sawan and "tengoon" (millets) are being cut and gathered. Rice transplanting has nearly come to an end. The bhadoi or early crop promises to be a good harvest generally. In a few places more rain is still required for the rice crops. Health of the district on the whole good.
30	Tirhoot, 22nd „ „	..	Hot and cloudy. In the Hajeepore Sub-division rain is very much wanted on all sides for the autumn crops, which are becoming jeopardized. In the Durbhunga Sub-division, with the exception of Nagurbusty police station (Waresnagore Relief Circle), the outturn of the bhadoi or early crops will not be under 10 or over 12 annas on the whole. In Waresnagore one-third of the crop has been lost, and half the remainder is jeopardized by continued drought. This drought has had a prejudicial effect on the prospects of the winter rice, and has checked transplanting operations. Copious rain within a fortnight may secure a crop, averaging from 10 to 12 annas, except Waresnagore, where, under favorable circumstances, not more than from 8 to 12-anna crop can be expected. Generally the prospects of winter crop suggest grounds for watchfulness, and in Waresnagore for anxiety. In Mudhoobunnee Sub-division, murwa (millet), makai or Indian-corn, and sama or grass-seed crops are being reaped. Outturn of murwa 12 annas, and of makai and sama 16 annas. Prospects of gumri and aous or early rice daily becoming worse owing to the continued drought. Little, if any, will ever be reaped. The broadcast paddy will hold out, and there is much of it Of the other paddy, only three-fourths yet transplanted. It is suffering much, and while the drought lasts, the remainder cannot be transplanted. Great anxiety is felt regarding this crop. In the Tajpore Sub-division, bhadoi or early crop all round about 10 annas, makai or Indian-corn is better than murwa (millet); paddy is bad. In the Seetamurhee sub-division serious damage has been done to the crops from rain keeping off; the little rain that has fallen, has benefited the latest sown makai and sathi, and given life to the rice in the "bangar" soils. The prospects for the future were very bright, but the present drought has reduced expectations to about half as regards Indian-corn and the earliest sown sathi. It is too early to speak positively regarding the aghani or late crops, but the general expectation is that there will be only 8 annas bhadoi, or early crops. The prospect of crops in the Sudder Sub-division is equally gloomy. Rain is much wanted. Cholera prevailing at Shewhur.
31	Sarun, 22nd „ „	8·13	Cloudy with intervals of clear weather. East wind prevailing. Rain more or less throughout the district, except within the jurisdiction of the out-posts of Moharajgunge, in thana Bussuntpore; Moharani in Mushruck, in the Sudder Sub-division; Kuttya in thana Burragaon, and Gopalgunge in Burrowlee, in the Sewan Sub-division. Rain very unevenly distributed. While five inches in one day fell at Sewan, the rainfall at Hutwa on the same day was only two-tenths. The bhadoi or early crops generally promise well; early murwa (millet), shama (grass-seed), tangnee (millet), and Indian-corn are being harvested. Manufacture of indigo is going on. Aghanee or late rice is being transplanted, but general transplantation is still retarded in many parts of the district by the want of rain. Prices steady. High flood in the Ganges—within 9 inches of previous flood and still rising. Cholera decreasing.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
Patna Divn. 32	Chumparun, 21st Aug. 1874.	0·57	Very hot and close, with heavy clouds and occasional bright sun. There has been general rain at Ramnugur, where the prospects of the rice are good. Elsewhere there have been showers varying from 4 inches to 5·10 with hot sunny intervals. The weather has been favorable for the bhadoi or early crops except in Ramnugur. More rain is wanted for the rice. Transplanting progresses favorably, except in a few tracts where the rainfall has been insufficient.
Bhagulpore Divn. 33	Monghyr, 22nd Aug. 1874.	·99	Hot and cloudy. The prospects continue good, although the rainfall is short; the rice crop will be a good one, if sufficient rain falls during the next month. Nearly an inch of rain has fallen during the past 24 hours which has done much good. In Khurruckpore rain is urgently wanted; in Jamooee prospects continue good. Beegooserai report not received; but the prospects, except on those lands inundated by the river, are generally reported good. Much sickness in the town.
34	Bhagulpore, 24th* ,, ,,	1·20	It has been raining south of the Ganges the past week, but showers rather too partial; good has been done, but more heavy rain is required. Reports from north most satisfactory, though there rain is now looked for. General health very good.
35	Purneah, 22nd ,, ,,	2·09	Rains more or less every 24 hours, more frequently in the nights than in the day. The Indian-corn and bhadoi or early crops are yielding a full harvest. Winter rice prospects good. Prices falling rapidly.
36	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 22nd Aug. 1874.	3·13	Heavy rain began at 3 P.M. of the 21st, and has been raining steadily till the hour of the despatch of the report. It looks like the best rainfall of the season. Deoghur 1·44, Godda ·20, Rajmehal 5·7, of which 5 inches fell on the 19th: a very heavy shower. Nothing could be better than crops at Doomka and Deoghur. Indian-corn and small crops being gathered in Deoghur; outturn excellent. *Sathi Dhan* (paddy), expected in 10 days, doing very well, though a little late in Doomka; but everything is doing extremely well. In Jamtara all crops are doing well. Indian-corn being gathered. Rain wanted in Moheshpore, but crops doing well. Indian-corn being gathered. Great damage in Rajmehal from floods. Ganges drowned dearahs. Rain badly wanted in Godda. Crops yellow and sickly.
ORISSA.			
Orissa Division. 37	Cuttack, 24th Aug. 1874.	3·42	Weather cloudy, but breaks of sunshine daily. The crops which were under water have suffered very slighly in a few places. Floods have generally subsided. Crops flourishing. Cholera has decreased.
38	Pooree, 20th ,, ,,	3·29	There has been abundant rain and rise of the rivers. The weeding of the early rice crop continues, and it is beginning to come into ear. The later rice continues to be transplanted and has begun to be weeded. The crops on low lands have been slightly damaged by excessive rain and flood in some parts. The prospects are, however, yet fair and hopeful. Sugarcane is doing well. Cotton is being gathered, with a fair outturn; mandia and arhur (pulses); castor and teel (oilseeds) are growing well. Prices stationery. Cholera has almost ceased and fever continues in an abated degree.
39	Balasore, 21st ,, ,,	·43	During the week the fall has been slight and the inundation has gone down. The damage done, has been inconsiderable. The late rice is being planted out. Cattle disease has broken out in two villages.
CHOTA NAGPORE. *South-West Frontier Agency.*			
40	Hazareebagh, 21st Aug. 1874.	1·35	Early part of the week very fine. Latter part cloudy, rainy and cold. Nothing special to report. Bhadoi or early crops are yielding excellently and the rice is looking very well. Cholera and small-pox are about the district.
41	Lohardugga, 22nd Aut. 1874.	1·59	Seasonable, but little rain for the time of the year. The prospects of both the early and late crops are now very good. The goondli (millet) is still being harvested in parts and is reported to be an excellent crop. In Palamow, too, all the crops promise well. The goondli and sawan are being cut and the remainder of the bhadoi or early crops is doing well. The paddy transplanting operations have been completed under favorable circumstances. Prices easy. General health pretty good.
42	Singbhoom 21st Aug. 1874.	1·75	Rain and sunshine alternately throughout the week. Condition of the crops extremely favourable. The goondli (millet) has been reaped. In some parts of the district they are beginning to cut the *gora dhan*. The Indian-corn and goondli crops both excellent. General public health good, but cholera here and there; condition of the people satisfactory.
43	Manbhoom, 22nd Aug. 1874.	1·39	Unfavorable, as only slight showers have fallen when heavy rain was urgently required. The prospects of the rice crops have not improved, but are rather worse than at the date of last report, and over a considerable extent of the district a very short crop and consequent scarcity next year is now almost certain. From the Gobindpore sub-division the reports are better, but in the centre of the district, and to the east and south-east the prospects of the great rice crop are bad, as what has been transplanted is suffering for want of water, and from this cause also about one-third of the rice lands have not, and most probably will not, be planted out, as the time for doing so with any chance of getting a crop has passed. The crops on the high land are all very good, but these do not produce a supply of more than four months' food. Goondli (millet) and Indian-corn are being gathered. Cold and fever are very prevalent.

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Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 29th August 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 31st* Aug. 1874	·85	Rainfall at Jehanabad nil, at Cutwa ·42, at Culna 24, at Bood-bood 2·74, at Raniegunge 3·99. The accounts of the crops are very unsatisfactory indeed. If heavy showers do not fall soon, another failure of the late rice crop in the north and east of the district may be apprehended. Fever as before.
2	Bankoora, 29th " "	1·72	Showery up to the 27th; fine since that date. The very early rice crops, such as "*chali*," "*tilka*," are being reaped. The outturn is good. The aous or early rice crop is doing well. The amun or late rice cultivation nearly closed, with probably ¾ths of the whole planted out. Other crops progressing favorably. Telegraphed on the 31st August. Heavy showers to-day at head-quarters is very beneficial. Prices falling slightly.
3	Beerbhoom, 29th " "	4·59	Showery. State and prospects of the crops continue good except in Burwan Division, where there has been no sufficient rainfall; more rain wanted still in the east of the railway. No export by rail during the week. Prices stationary.
4	Midnapore, 29th " "	1·45	Very little rain has fallen since Sunday, but the fall at the end of the last week was amply sufficient for the present. Prospects continue to improve, and a full aous or early crop will be reaped in a few days in the west, though rather under an average crop in the north-east. Unfortunately the heavy rain at the end of last week caused the Cossye to overflow and break its embankments; one of the breaches, half a mile below Panchkoora, is likely to cause much damage. Prices indicate a tendency to fall.
5	Hooghly, 29th " "	1 32	Passing clouds, little or no rain. Wind chiefly from south-east. At Serampore the rainfall has been 2·38. Prospects of the amun or late rice bad over three-fourths of the district. Aous or early rice damaged in parts; a fair crop expected; reaping about to commence. Jute good.
	Howrah, 29th " "	2 89	There has been some rain during the week throughout the district. Weather sometimes clear and sometimes cloudy. Wind from south and east. The District Superintendent reports that there has been some rain throughout the district. Lands are being prepared for transplanting amun, or late rice seedlings, and in most parts of the district transplanting has commenced, but the general cry is for more rain. Aous or early rice crop in Jugutbullubpore is suffering The jute and sugarcane are good.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 31st† Aug. 1874.	0·89	Very warm, with occasional light showers. The harvesting of the aous or early rice crop is progressing fairly. Its outturn will probably be rather below the average. Amun or late rice continues to be planted out, but more rain is required, and much anxiety is felt at its continued holding off. Fever still prevailing in the Diamond Harbour, Barripore, Busseerhat, Satkhira, and in part of Baraset Sub-division.
7	Nuddea, 29th Aug. 1874	0 97	Slight and partial showers over the greater part of the district. The weather has of late been favorable to the aous or early rice crop. The outturn will generally be from 10 to 12 annas, except in the distressed part. There has not been nearly enough rain for the amun or late rice, and in many places transplantation is not going on well, though in the Kooshtea Sub-division it has been finished. The rain has, however, done good everywhere. The harvesting of the early rice is going on, and in the north of Kooshtea the new grain can be had for Rs. 1-12 per maund. There has been also a marked fall in Meharpore. In Bongong and Ranaghat and the Sudder, however, the price is still very high, *i.e.*, Rs. 2-12 to Rs. 3-12 per maund.
8	Jessore, 29th " "	6·69	Heavy showers have fallen in the central portion of the district, and in the rest there have been seasonable falls. The rain has done much good to the amun or late rice crop, particularly that on the higher ground known as *chatra amun*. It has also been favorable to transplanting, which had been delayed much by the drought. The prospects are good. The rivers are rising again, and some anxiety is felt on that account in Narrail, where the people are making haste to reap such of the early rice as remains likely exposed to inundation.

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BENGAL—(*Continued.*)			
	Eastern Districts.—(Continued.)		
Chittagong Divn. 21	Chittagong, Dec. 28 '80	Nil	Weather—seasonable. Harvesting of *amun* not completed. Cold-weather crops progressing well. General health good.
22	Noakholly, „ 23 „	Nil	Weather—cold. Rice crop being harvested; outturn very good.
23	Tipperah, „ 24 „	Nil	Weather—fair and cold. Slight rain at Chandpur on 17th. Reaping of *amun* paddy nearly completed. Prospects of winter crops good.
	Brahmunberiah ...	Nil	
	Chandpur ...	0·10	
24	Chittagong Hill Tracts, „ 21 „	Nil	Weather—very cold throughout week; foggy in mornings. Harvesting of cotton over; a ten-anna crop obtained throughout district. Gathering of paddy in plains still continues. Mustard doing well. Fever very prevalent at Demagree and Ohipum.
	Hill Tipperah, „ 22 „	Nil	Weather—fair. *Amun* paddy yet being gathered. Prospects of tobacco, chilly and sugarcane fair. Public health good.
BEHAR.			
Patna Divn. 25	Patna, Dec. 24 '80	Nil	Weather—seasonable. Harvesting of winter rice fast going on throughout district; outturn good. Prospects of *rubbee* crops good. Public health good.
26	Gya, „ 25 „	Nil	Weather—cold. Maximum reading in shade 77·3°. Paddy being cut. Prospects of *rubbee* continue favourable Public health good.
27	Shahabad, „ 25 „	Nil	Weather—fair, but very cold, with west wind. Paddy harvest not yet completed. *Rubbee* promises well. Prices low. General health good.
28	Durbhunga, „ 25 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable Harvesting of *Kartika dhan* completed and of *aghani* in progress. *Rubbee* crops promising. Prices falling. Public health good.
29	Mozufferpore, „ 25 '80	Nil	Weather—seasonably cold. *Aghani* harvest being reaped. Prospects of *rubbee* crops continue good. Prices of food-grains falling. Fever abating.
30	Sarun, „ 25 „	Nil	Weather—bright and cool. *Aghani* harvest almost completed. Prospects of *rubbee* crops excellent. Poppy coming on well. Public health good.
	Sewan ...	Nil	
	Gopalgunge ...	Nil	
31	Chumparun, ...	.....	Report not received.
Bhagulpore Divn. 32	Monghyr, Dec. 25 '80	Nil	Weather—cold; westerly wind. Winter rice being cut. Prospects of *rubbee* crops excellent.
	Begooserai ...	Nil	
	Jamui ...	Nil	
33	Bhagulpore, „ 27 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable. Prospects of *rubbee* crops good; rice nearly harvested; outturn good. Fever abating.
34	Purneah, „ 25 „	Nil	Weather—cold and seasonable. State and prospects of crops very good. Prices decreasing.
	Kissengunge ...	Nil	
	Arrareah ...	Nil	
35	Maldah, „ 25 „	Nil	Weather—markedly cold, especially in early mornings. Reaping of winter rice finished; that of *kalai* has commenced; a fair outturn expected. A few sporadic cases of cholera at head-quarters ending fatally reported.
36	Sonthal Perghs, „ 26 „	Nil	Weather—cold and seasonable. All crops very good.
ORISSA.			
Orissa Divn. 37	Cuttack, Dec. 24 '80	Nil	Weather—very cold. *Sarud* rice being gathered; other crops doing well; rice selling from 15 to 34 seers per rupee Fever and cholera still prevalent.
38	Pooree, „ 23 „	Nil	Weather—seasonable. *Sarud* rice being reaped. Cold-weather crops continue good. Common rice sells at 26 to 37 Calcutta seers per rupee. Small-pox and cholera still prevail.
39	Balasore, „ 24 „	0 10	Weather—bright and cold. Twelve annas of *sarud* crop cut; harvest everywhere excellent. Husked rice selling at 56 seers per rupee in north of district.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazaribagh, Dec. 25 '80	Nil	Weather—fine and very cold. Prospects of winter crops continue good. *Dhan* cutting finished, with much above average outturn. *Kurthi* and *urid* also gave good outturn. Public health good
41	Lohardugga, „ 25 „	0·04	Weather—seasonable; cold with wind during daytime. Winter rice harvested; outturn only moderate, the proportion of chaff to grain being unusually large. In Palamow outturn of two thanas estimated at 8 annas. Prospects of *rubbee* good. A few cases of small-pox reported
42	Singbhoom, „ 24 „	0·26	Weather—seasonable. Paddy all reaped, with good outturn. *Rubbee* crops looking well. General health good.
43	Manbhoom, „ 25 „	0·01	Weather—fine and cool. Reaping of rice nearly finished, with good general outturn. Prospects of winter crops favourable. Cow-pox reported from Purulia, Jhulda, Chas, and Manbazar. Measles reported from Jaipore.

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BENGAL.—(*Concld.*)				
		Eastern Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
Chittagong Divn.	23	Chittagong, 29th Aug. 1874.	3·79	Cloudy and breezy with a fair quantity of rain. From Cox's Bazar 6·52. Reaping of the aous or early rice continuing, and the late rain has been favorable to transplanting of the amun crop, which is again progressing actively. No cholera reported during the week.
	24	Noakholly, 27th „ „	3·74	Cloudy, rainy, and strong south-easterly wind. The reaping of the aous or early rice has nearly been completed, and in high lands the outturn is reported to be somewhat less than expected. Transplantation of the late rice is in progress.
	25	Tipperah, 28th „ „	1·49	Cloudy and showery, high south and south-east winds. The aous or early rice is being harvested; the outturn will be a good one. The late rice (amun) wants more rain and inundation.
	26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 25th Aug. 1874.	1·83	Cloudy and sunny alternately throughout the whole week; slight showers every now and then. The paddy is ripening in the Jooms, and the early crop has been gathered. The outturn is said to have been an average one. The cotton plants are thriving well. Slight falls of rain during the week have been beneficial to the plough cultivation. Transplanting operations are nearly over. The prospects on the whole are good.
		Hill Tipperah, 27th Aug. 1874.	1·44	Rainy and cloudy all throughout the week. Ploughing and transplanting still vigorously carried on. More rain wanted.
BEHAR.				
Patna Division.	27	Patna, 31st* Aug. 1874	1·17	Weather sometimes clear and sometimes cloudy. Both the Sudder and Dinapore Stations completely flooded owing to rise of rivers. Prospects of the bhadoi or early crops continue to be favorable, but the floods are likely to cause some damage. Health of the district generally good.
	28	Gya, 29th „ „	5·84	Seasonable weather. Heavy rains on the 23rd and 26th. The crops are excellent throughout the district. Health good.
	29	Shahabad, 29th „ „	2·06	High east wind, with heavy showers at intervals. No report has been received from Sasseram and Bhubooah Sub-divisions. In the Buxar and Arrah Sub-divisions the crops are everywhere very favorably reported on. The Ganges and Soane in the north and the Doorgautee and Koodra rivers and hill streams in the south of the district are in high floods. Any injury that may be done to the crops thereby can only be ascertained after the waters have subsided. The District Engineer, who is at Jehanabad, says that he has never seen finer crops in that part of the district; his experience extends over some 15 years.
	30	Tirhoot, 28th „ „	1·39	Hot and cloudy at times. About Hajipore the inundation has done a considerable amount of damage. The crops in the upper lands are remarkably fine. The sub-divisional officer believes the dhan is still holding out and he has heard that the Baya river is filling. Everything depends upon rain within the next fortnight, of which there seems to be a reasonable prospect. In Durbhunga showers, more or less heavy, have fallen during the week in various parts of the sub-division, improving the condition of the late sown murwa, and though insufficient for general transplanting, sufficient to keep in fair condition the rice that has been transplanted. Those showers have fallen in Waresnagore, in which circle the condition of affairs is better than it was last week. Heavy rain, four inches at once, is much needed. In the Mudhoobunnee Sub-division, murwa and makai are still being harvested. Gamrhi has been a complete failure. Paddy, except where artificial irrigation is going on, is suffering very much for want of sufficient rain. Transplanting has made scarcely any progress owing to the continued drought. The period is nearly over during which transplanting can be effected, and the worst is anticipated. In the Sectamurhee Sub-division there is no material change in the prospect of the crops since last report. The murwa (millet) and makai or Indian-corn are being harvested. The *sathi* is suffering from want of rain. The winter rice crops are also in need of rain to bring them on. The report from Tajpore has not been received. The prospects of the crops in the Sudder Sub-division continue much the same as reported last week. Want of rain is much felt. Public health good.
	31	Sarun	.....	Return not received.
	32	Chumparun, 28th Aug. 1874.	·17	Strong east wind with showers, and sunny intervals and heavy general rain in the north and north-west. The weather has been very favorable to the autumn crops and in the north and north-west of the district to the late rice also, which elsewhere is healthy, but wants rain to render it safe. In the greater part of the district, a bumper bhadoi or early crop is now secure unless for excessive rain or floods.

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Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 5th September 1874.

	No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.				
		Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division.	1	Burdwan, 7th* Sep. 1874	2·11	Rain at Jehanabad ·19, at Cutwa 1·17, at Culna ·8, at Bood-Bood 1·16, at Raneegunge 1·29. Weather cloudy. Prospects of crops in the north and east bad, in Raneegunge and to the south of the Damoodah fair. Fever as before.
	2	Bankoora, 5th „ „	1·70	Showery. Prospects of crops favorable on the whole. The aous or early rice crop is beginning to ripen in some places. Other crops doing well. General health good.
	3	Beerbhoom, 5th „ „	2·25	Showery. State and prospects of the crops west of the Railway continue excellent; east of the Railway short crops. In Division Burwan widespread failure anticipated, owing to want of timely rain. No export by rail during the week ending 29th August. An active private import has commenced. Prices almost stationary.
	4	Midnapore, 5th „ „	·99	Fine, with occasional and very partial showers till Friday the 4th, when rainy weather appears to have again set in. The dry weather, which extended from August 23rd to September 4th, has been too prolonged, and rain is now everywhere required. No mischief has been done except in the north-east (Sub-division Gurbeta), where there will be great failure of the amun or late rice, if the future rainfall is unfavorable, and a short amun crop at the best. In other parts of the district, the reports are that damage will ensue unless rain falls soon; but it may be hoped from the appearance of the sky that some rain has fallen everywhere, during the last 24 hours, and that more will follow. The dry weather has checked the fall in prices which had set in, and there is a slight, and the Collector hopes only temporary, reaction. The aous or early rice is coming into the market, but not in sufficient quantity as yet to affect prices.
		Hooghly, 5th „ „	·09	The weather has been hot. No rain till Friday night, when a slight shower fell. Prospects of the crops as last week, *e.g.*, the amun or late rice bad over three-fourths of the districts. Aous or early rice damaged in parts; a fair crop expected. Reaping about to commence Jute good.
		Howrah, 5th „ „	·65	There has been a shower of rain in Sankrail, Oolooberiah and at the Sudder Station during the week, but no rain in other stations in this district. Weather sultry. Wind from south-east. Want of rain has been general in this district during the week. Lands are being prepared for the transplanting of amun or late rice seedlings; in most parts of the district transplantation is progressing, but it is greatly retarded in Domjoor, and especially in Jugutbullubpore, for want of rain. The general cry is for more rain. The ryots have commenced cutting aous or early rice crop. Jute and sugarcane healthy.
		Central Districts.		
Presidency Division.	6	24-Pergunnahs, 7th† Sep. 1874.	4·26	Close and very hot. The harvesting of the aous or early rice continues. There was heavy fall of rain at Alipore and Barrackpore on the 6th, but it is not yet known whether it has been general throughout the district. Prospects of the amun or late rice crop are not hopeful. Fever still prevalent in the Barripore, Busseerhaut, and Satkhira Sub-divisions. It has abated in Diamond Harbour.
	7	Nuddea, 5th Sep. 1874	2·16	There has been heavy rain at Head-Quarters, and in the north of the district; elsewhere the rainfall has been scanty. The yield of the aous or early rice crop throughout the district will be nearly, if not quite up to, the average. The amun or late rice crop on the higher lands is still suffering from want of rain. Heavy floods are reported in the Chooadangah Sub-division. The Collector has gone there to ascertain the actual state of affairs.
	8	Jessore, 5th „ „	10	The weather has been throughout the week generally dry Cry for more rain is general. Transplantation of amun or winter crop is nearly finished. Prospects hopeful. Aous or early rice crop is being harvested; a fair outturn is expected. The crop in low land is damaged by inundation.
Rajshahye Divn.	9	Moorshedabad, 5th Sep. 1874.	3·51	Two inches and a quarter of rain fell on the 3rd, and one inch on the morning of the 5th; the former fall was general and extended over Bhurutpore, Kalleangunge, and Khurgaon. It is, however, reported that it has not been sufficient in the first two thanas for transplantation. The rivers are overflowing everywhere. The Bhagiruthee now covers the bund at Lultikooree, and it is much feared that the latter will give way. The latest reports state that the bund shows signs of breaching. The late rice crop has been greatly benefited by the recent rain.
	10	Dinagepore, 4th Sep. 1874.	1·25	There has been heavy rain in some parts of the district. Wherever rain has fallen, the prospects of the hymunti or late rice are excellent, even in some places where there have been only showers, no permanent damage has been done.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
RAJSHAHYE DIVISION.—(*Contd.*) 11	Maldah, 5th Sep. 1874	4·03	Cloudy, rainy, and sunny alternately. Heavy showers of rain on Tuesday and Thursday. The harvesting of the early rice crop is still going on. In some places, however, a portion of this crop has been submerged and destroyed. Prospects of the late rice crop are fair, owing to there having been rain in the "Borind" during the last two days.
12	Rajshahye, 5th „ „	2·47	There has been good rain throughout the district, sufficient to be of great benefit to all the rice crops, except in a part of Bhurind, where still more rain is needed for transplanting. In Nattore and Pootea a good deal of aous or early rice has been lost by inundation. The prospects of the deep water amun or late rice are decidedly good at present, and the transplanted paddy is also looking well. In the north of the district a quantity of aous is still uncut, and there is every promise of its giving a plentiful harvest; all other crops are thriving. In some places 20 seers of rice for the rupee are procurable, the prevailing rates being from 15 to 20 seers.
13	Rungpore, 4th „ „	4·37	Heavy showers on the 1st, 3rd and 4th, and there is great promise of more. The copious rain, if it continue, will save the amun or late rice crops. Reports coming in seem to show that the fall has been general. The reports on the state of the transplantation have continued to be bad hitherto, but an improvement may now be looked for.
14	Bogra, 5th „ „	2·20	The prospects of the amun or late rice still continue favorable. The rainfall generally over the district has been seasonable, but there are complaints from the thana of Shibgunge. As yet there is no reason to apprehend that there will be a deficient late rice harvest. Health of the district good.
15	Pubna, 5th „ „	5·38	Heavy rainfall on the 3rd September. The late rains have been favorable to the amun or late rice crop on high lands. The harvesting of the aous or early rice has been finished. The overflowing of the river Pudma has swept away the amun or late rice crop of a tract of low land situated on the opposite side of Issamutty river, and to the west and north of Pubna station. Fever still prevalent.
COOCH BEHAR DIVN. 16	Darjeeling, 4th „ „	6·09	There has been rain every day throughout the week. Since Wednesday it has fallen in torrents. In the hills the early maize and murwa (millet) are being reaped; potatoes are also coming in. All have turned out very well. In the plains bhadoi or early rice is being harvested, and a good outturn is expected. The prospects of the winter crops are very good.
17	Julpigoree, 4th „ „	6·88	Weather most favorable. Heavy rain last two days. All crops promise well.
	Cooch Behar, 3rd „ „	2·50	Cloudy and showery. The prospects of the amun or late rice crop continue to be very good in most parts of the State.
	Eastern Districts.		
DACCA DIVISION. 18	Dacca, 7th* Sep. 1874	1·01	Weather cooler and more rain. Crops favorable. Heavy rain reported from north, and crops generally flourishing.
19	Fureedpore, 5th „ „	1·18	Alternate rain and clear weather during the week. The rivers continue rising, and the amun or late rice crops promise a fair outturn everywhere, except in Thanas Sudderpore and Deora, and in the Madareepore Sub-division, where the water is falling, which is likely to do harm if it continues. The fact is that the rise is from the Ganges and not the Brahmapootra. The latter is the larger river, and on it depends very much the height of water in the lower Delta. Price of coarse rice is stationary at Gopalgunge, but has risen at Fureedpore, Goalundo, Madareepore and Bhangah, owing to decrease in imports.
20	Backergunge, 3rd Sep. 1874.	0·12	Very hot. Prospects fair, but rain is wanted.
21	Mymensingh, 4th Sep. 1874.	3·07	Seasonable showers. Whatever anxiety there may have been, must now be considered past. Though a considerable portion of land intended for the late rice must remain unused, still enough has been done to yield a fair average harvest, of which there is at present a good prospect.
22	Sylhet, 1st Sep 1874	1·24	Pretty cool, but the weather is very unusual for this time of the year, from the small quantity of rain which continues to fall. Amun or late rice crops on low lands good; those on high lands and the kataria crop will turn out indifferently if more rain does not fall in the next fortnight. The transplantation of the sail crop is backward from want of rain. Cholera and fever still prevalent.

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BENGAL.—(*Concld.*)				
		Eastern Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
Chittagong Divn.	23	Chittagong, 3rd Sep. 1874	·69	Hot and threatening, but clouds continue to pass off. Cutting of the aous or early rice still going on. More rain required for transplanting amun or late rice, which is behind hand. High tides at Kutubdea on the 26th and 27th, but little or no damage experienced. No report from Cox's Bazar. Cholera prevalent at Harbaug on the south of the district.
	24	Noakholly, 3rd „ „	1·05	Rain on Friday and Saturday; none since. Weather very warm. The aous or early rice has nearly been reaped, and the accounts of the harvest are generally satisfactory. More rain is wanted for the amun or late rice.
	25	Tipperah, 4th „ „	1·01	Hot and sultry; very still and close atmosphere; only slight rain. The outturn of the aous or early rice very fair. More rain much required for the amun or late rice.
	26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 1st Sep. 1874.	1·2	Excessively hot throughout the whole week. The paddy is being reaped in the jooms. Transplanting operations are over. A fall of rain would be beneficial to the plough cultivators. The cotton pods have formed, and the prospects are good.
		Hill Tipperah, 4th Sep. 1874.	0·53	The crops in some parts are looking scorched for want of rain; transplanting in low lands still going on.
BEHAR.				
Patna Division.	27	Patna, 7th* Sep. 1874	3·04	Weather partly cloudy, and partly clear, with heavy showers of rain at intervals. The crops on high grounds are coming up very well, and promise an abundant harvest; those on low lands have been damaged to some extent by the late floods. Health good.
	28	Gya, 5th „ „	2·18	Seasonable weather. Prospects of crops everything that could be desired; the late rains being succeeded by genial sunshine.
	29	Shahabad, 5th „ „	3·15	Cloudy and showery, with variable wind. In the Arrah and Buxar Sub-divisions, the prospects of the crops are good; some damage has been caused by the late floods, the extent of which will be carefully ascertained. No return from Sasseram Sub-division. In Bhubbooah a loss from flood and excessive rain of one anna is reported of the bhadoi or early crops. On the Plalian the loss is estimated at four annas from the same causes. This estimate is rather above than below the mark. Health of the district good.
	30	Tirhoot, 5th „ „	0·80	Hot and cloudy. In the Hajeepore Sub-division, the dearah crops almost entirely destroyed by the floods. The Gunduk floods at Hurrowli have not caused the damage anticipated, owing to sudden fall in the river. In the north of the sub-division rain much wanted to save the dhan, but a yield of other bhadoi crops to 10 or 12 annas may be expected. Two inches of rain fell in the north part of the sub-division on the 2nd instant. In the Durbhunga Sub-division showers have fallen, generally to the improvement of the later sown bhadoi. The rain, although in most places insufficient for transplanting dhan, has freshened up the high land dhan that was formerly in a languishing condition. The rain has greatly improved the condition of the bhadoi crop in Warrisnagore, where now 10-anna crop is secure. Towards the north and west, there, too, the dhan has been much benefited; generally the position is satisfactory, compared with what it was a fortnight ago. A considerable quantity of dhan still remains to be transplanted. In the Mudhoobunnee Sub-division, prospects of aous and gumrhi becoming worse and worse. Paddy languishing for want of sufficient rain. Field work entirely stopped, owing to the continued drought, while the time is over during which transplanting can be carried on with advantage. With rain soon a 12-anna crop may yet be obtained. Without rain during the next fortnight, the paddy will almost entirely fail. In the Seetamurhee Sub-division, there has been good rain during the week. At Dynchuprah and Poopri, there was 2 inches on the 31st. At Damra, over 2 inches on the 1st instant. This rain has given hope to the people for the aghani crops, and temporarily averted the fear of a future famine. Even planters say that with a few more seasonable showers no dread need be entertained of another famine. Sales at Government golas almost at a standstill, owing to the cheap rates. Murwa (millet) and makai (Indian-corn) are selling in the bazars. In the Tajpore Sub-division, the weather has been more favorable; a little transplanting has been made, but much heavier rain is still required to save the dhan In the Sudder Sub-division the little rain that has set in has done immense good to both bhadoi and aghani crops. More rain is wanted to secure average paddy crop.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
PATNA DIVN.—(*Contd.*) 31	Sarun 5th Sep. 1874	2·40	Cloudy, with intervals of clear and warm weather; east wind prevailing. The inundation extended over about a fifth of the district, and it is believed that the greater part of the bhadoi and aghani crops over this area has been lost. Rain more or less general throughout the district, except within the jurisdiction of Bhorey, an outpost of thana Burragaon, in the Sewan Sub-division, where the rice seedlings in the higher lands are being cut for fodder for cattle. The remaining bhadoi crops are generally reported to be good, except in Mushruck and Bussuntpore, in parts of which 5, 8, and 10-anna makai or Indian-corn crops only are expected. The early crops are being harvested and consumed by the people and exposed for sale in the bazars in small quantities. Transplantation of aghani rice in the low lands has been completed, but in higher lands it is still going on. More rain wanted for the paddy crop, the prospect of which is very indifferent in parts of Mushruck and Bussuntpore thanas, the distribution of the rainfall having been very uneven. Manufacture of indigo khontee (second cuttings) going on in some factories. Prices on the whole steady. The river has fallen and the inundation is subsiding. Cholera decreasing.
32	Chumparun, 4th Sep. 1874.	3·04	Cloudy, with showers and sunny intervals. West winds. The rain of the week and that of the 4th has done immense benefit to the autumn crops, which appear promising. The bhadoi crops are now being cut.
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 33	Monghyr, 5th Sep. 1874	1·14	Changeable. Seasonable rain and sunshine. The prospects of the bhadoi or early crops on lands not flooded and those of the rice generally continue good. In Begoo Serai the Ganges came in flood on 27th August, and in consequence of embankments bursting, the surrounding country was flooded. This flood is higher than the great flood of 1871. A large amount of the bhadoi or early crops in Pergunnahs Ballia and Milkie have been destroyed, but no exact estimate is procurable as yet. The inundation is favorable for the *rubee* (cold weather) sowings. The rubee last April in these pergunnahs was very good.
34	Bhagulpore, 7th* „ „	1·06	Mudhepoora has had over 8 inches of rain since 1st. Soopool over 5 inches; Banka over 3 inches. The very great benefit of this rain need not be commented upon. Prospects and condition of the people considered most satisfactory so far. Ganges falling fast. General health good; fever is appearing in Mudhepoora. Another fall at Soopool of 2 inches of rain during night of the 6th; probably general.
35	Purneah, 5th „ „	4·37	Heavy rain at intervals. The crops in the north are splendid. Early rice, murwa (millet), and in some places jute is being cut. The Ganges has been rising very high in the south, but has gone down again without doing much damage. Up to date there has been quite enough rain everywhere for the winter rice.
36	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 5th Sep. 1874.	3·81	At Doomka there has been some rain nearly every day in the week and much more than at the sub-divisions. At Rajmehal it has been cloudy with occasional rain; at Deogurh and Godda much the same, but the latter place has had ·35 only during the week against 1·5 at Rajmehal and 4·16 at Deogurh. From the Sudder Sub-division reports are everywhere excellent as regards all crops; the Ganges is still rising at Rajmehal, but prospects of crops are good up to date. In Godda all crops are good, with the exception of Janerah (Indian-corn) in the north, which was injured by early rain. From Deogurh it is reported that previous heavy rain has done no harm to the paddy crop, whilst the bhadoi or early crop is all that could be desired.
ORISSA.			
ORISSA DIVISION. 37	Cuttack, 7th* Sep. 1874	1·0	Rainfall at Jajpore, ·75. Weather bright and clear; slight damage in some places by floods. Submerged crops rotted, but on flo d subsiding sprouted again. Early rice crop excellent. Floods have done more good than harm. Public health good.
38	Pooree, 3rd „ „	26	Fair and hot. The early rice crop continues to be weeded, and is also partly coming into ear. The crop on the banks of rivers has been destroyed by the floods. The late rice crop is being weeded. Sugarcane is doing well. Mandia, arhur, and noabirhi (pulses), castor and til-seed are growing well. The rivers have risen very high, and the flood has caused breaches in the embankments in some four or five places, and the Trunk Road has also been broken and the country flooded. The flood still continues, and the rice crops are yet submerged, and great damage is likely to be caused. Prices are stationary.
39	Balasore, 4th „ „	·15	Hot, dry weather has prevailed. The rainfall has been sparse and insignificant. General prospects good. The operation of weeding the late rice crop is going on. A little of the early crop is coming into ear.
CHOTA NAGPORE. *South-West Frontier Agency.*			
40	Hazareebagh, 4th Sep. 1874.	·43	A break after the very heavy rain of last week. Showery, however, at the close of the week under report. The crops are first-rate. The maize and millet are now being gathered. New millet in some places is selling at 2 maunds to the rupee.
41	Lohardugga, 5th Sep. 1874.	2·37	Seasonable. The condition of the crops is satisfactory and the prospects at present are very good. The high land rice crop (early) is being cut and a fine harvest is expected. In Palamow the prospects also continue good, but some fine weather is now wanted. Prices are easy. General health fair.
42	Singbhoom, 4th Sep. 1874.	2 51	Seasonable rain and sunshine alternately. Excellent prospects. Crops looking superb. Goondli (millet) and Indian-corn above the average. Gora dhan being reaped. Condition of people satisfactory. General health good.
43	Manbhoom, 5th Sep. 1874.	3·58	Favorable. There have been several good falls of rain, and although more would do good to some of the higher lands, the crops on the whole promise well. Health of the district good.

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Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 12th September 1874.

	No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.				
		Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division.	1	Burdwan, 14th* Sep. 1874	3·30	Rainfall at Jehanabad 4·28; at Culna 3·30; at Cutwa 6·0; at Bood-bood 1·72; and at Raneegunge ·70 inches Weather cloudy. Prospects of amun or late rice crops not good; more rain still wanted. Fever as before.
	2	Bankoora, 12th „ „	1·69	Showery during the greater part of the week. The crops are generally doing well. In the south-west the rainfall has been somewhat scanty, and the extent of cultivation is therefore less than elsewhere. General health good.
	3	Beerbhoom, 12th „ „	3·0	Wet during the former, and dry during the latter half of the week. State and prospects of the crops continue excellent, west of the Railway. East, much improved by the recent rains. Prices steady.
	4	Midnapore, 12th „ „	3·18	Rain fell at head-quarters every day this week, and on Thursday, the 10th, the fall was very heavy and apparently general. The prospects in all quarters of the district are improving and are above average in most places, and below average only in about 2¼ thanas towards the north-east. The only apprehension now is an early cessation of the rains, which would, of course, be very disastrous this season.
	5	Hooghly, 12th „ „	4·50	Cloudy; heavy showers during the week. At Serampore the rainfall has been 5·42. The rain has been heavy throughout the district, and transplantation of the amun or late rice crop rapidly progressing; continued rain is, however, required for its growth.
		Howrah, 12th „ „	4·24	There has been rain throughout the district during the week. Weather sometimes cloudy and sometimes clear. Wind from south and east. The rain during the week has done much good to the crops The cultivators are busy in preparing lands for transplantation of the amun or late rice crop. Transplantation is progressing. The ryots in some places have reaped the aous or early rice, jute, &c. Sugarcane healthy.
		Central Districts.		
Presidency Division.	6	24-Pergunnahs, 14th† Sep. 1874.	4·69	Rainy and close. Heavy showers fell in parts of the district during the week, especially in Dum-Dum, Diamond Harbour, Alipore, and Barrackpore. They have done much good to the amun or late rice crop, and transplantation as far as possible is being fast completed. The harvesting of the aous or early rice crop continues. Fever still prevailing in Barripore and Satkhira. It has abated in Diamond Harbour and Bussecrhat.
	7	Nuddea, 12th Sep. 1874	4·79	Heavy rain everywhere, except in the extreme south of the district. The amun or late rice crop has been greatly benefited by the rain. The aous or early rice harvest is nearly over. Serious damage has been caused by floods in the Chooadangah sub-division, and further loss there and elsewhere is apprehended as the rivers still continue to rise.
	8	Jessore, 12th „ „	5·06	Generally cloudy. Heavy rainfall on the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th. Prospects continue favorable, but the height of the inundation is causing anxiety in Jhenidah and Narrail.
Rajshahye Divn.	9	Moorshedabad, 12th Sep. 1874.	2·07	Good and general rainfall during the week. In Rampore Haut and Jungypore sub-divisions over five inches have fallen. There is appearance of more rain. The prospects of the amun or late rice crop have improved very materially, but a good deal more rain is still wanted in the parts which suffered most from the drought of August. The bund at Laltikooree gave way on the morning of the 5th instant, and a large volume of water has been flowing through the breach since. The low country in the vicinity of the breach and on the banks of the Gobra down to the Kalantar in the south-east of the Burwa thana has been inundated, but no serious damage has been done to the crops. In some villages houses have tumbled down, and stacks of paddy have been swept away. Relief is being given to the sufferers. The crops in the Kalantar are above the flood; and as the river is falling, there is every hope that they will be saved. In consequence of the difficulty of the traffic caused by the inundation, prices have risen at Nowadah and Hurechurparah.
	10	Dinagepore, 11th Sep. 1874.	4·33	There has been rain all over the district. The seasonable rain which has fallen has removed all anxiety as regards the winter crop. If rain continue, a very good crop will be reaped. Bhadoi or early crop is still being cut in some places.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
RAJSHAHYE DIVISION.—(*Contd.*) 11	Maldah, 12th Sep. 1874	5·06	Rain every day during the week. Prospects of hymunti and amun or late rice crops, owing to the recent fall of rain, good throughout the whole of the district. The bhādoi or early crop has nearly all been reaped and has yielded more than an average crop. The inundation is going down. Wheat and maize are cheaper than they were this time last year.
12	Rajshahye ..	..	Return not received.
13	Rungpore, 11th Sep. 1874	1·97	Good showers almost daily, but no very heavy downpour. Reports of good rainfall from most out-stations, and progress made in transplantation. In some parts twelve to fourteen annas planted out. Still more rain wanted for high lands, especially in Govindgunge, where rainfall remains scanty, but even there matters have much improved during the week. Telegraphed on the 14th September: four inches rain since Friday; heavy rain all over the district; five inches in Govindgunge. Transplantation active.
14	Bogra, 12th „ „	6·51	The prospects of the district and of crops of all kinds are excellent, by reason of the late heavy rainfall. There is a good deal of fever in many parts, which is, however, the usual concomitant of this season of the year.
15	Pubna, 12th „ „	2·10	Weather cooler and heavy rainfall on the 9th, and small showers on other days of the week, with a south-east wind blowing. The amun or late rice crop has suffered in places from the inundation, and the estimated loss is under enquiry, but on the whole the crop will be a fair one. The turmeric and sugarcane in low lands have been irrecoverably ruined; prospects of others in high land good. The water of the Issamutty has somewhat subsided. Fever continues
COOCH BEHAR DIVR. 16	Darjeeling, 11th „ „	4·32	Heavy rain during the nights and showers during the day, and a good deal of mist In the plains there has been a moderate fall of rain during the week, well distributed. The prospects of all the crops in both the hills and the plains are excellent.
17	Julpigoree, 11th „ „	7·61	The heavy rain of the week has been general over the district. It has come most opportunely for the winter rice crop, about the safety of which there can now be little doubt, and which promises splendidly. All crops promise well.
	Cooch Behar, 10th „ „	4·64	Cloudy; very wet on the 10th. The present wet weather is very beneficial; prospects are very good.
	Eastern Districts.		
DACCA DIVISION. 18	Dacca, 14th* Sep. 1874	4·14	Much rain has fallen State of crops now decidedly favorable.
19	Fureedpore, 12th „ „	8·47	The weather during the week has been very rainy; upwards of 5 inches fell within twelve hours in one continued shower. Reports from all parts of the district state that the present prospects of the late rice crop are excellent. The fear is that this excessive fall may be followed by a dry October and November, when a little rain is wanted to fill the ripening grain. The price of coarse rice remains the same at Madareepore and Gopalgunge, but at Fureedpore, Goalundo, and Bhanga it has increased slightly, partly from a supension of imports on account of stormy weather, and partly from prevalent cloudy and wet weather interfering with the preparation and husking of rice. The rivers everywhere are still rising, and the country almost all over the district is well covered with water.
20	Backergunge, 10th Sep. 1874.	4·42	Rainy weather; state of crops good.
21	Mymensingh, 11th Sep. 1874.	6·20	Continued rain or showers throughout the district. Transplanting in the east of the district is now being completed. The winter rice crop must needs be late, but there is no ground for expecting it to fall short of an average crop at present.
22	Sylhet, 8th Sep. 1874	3·89	Cooler than last week owing to pretty heavy showers of rain. The rainfall has been most beneficial. The high lands in Laskarpore suffered much from want of rain, but now the sail crops in all the high tracts of the district have every chance of turning out well. The amun or late rice on the low lands is good, but the amun on the high lands and the Kataria will probably fall below the average from want of sufficient rain all this time.

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BENGAL.—(*Concld.*)			
	Eastern Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 23	Chittagong, 10th Sep. 1874.	7·15	Rain almost daily, with some heavy falls. It appears to have been general over the district, but heavier in the sudder sub-division than at Cox's Bazar, from which 4·62 inches are reported up to 8th instant. Reaping of the aous or early rice continues, and the rain during the week has been very favorable to transplanting the amun or late rice crop, which is actively progressing. Cholera reported from Potia in sudder and Harbaung in Cox's Bazar sub-division.
24	Noakholly, 10th „ „	8·07	Cool with abundant rain. The aous or early rice crop has nearly been reaped and the accounts of it are generally satisfactory, except on high lands, where the rainfall was insufficient. Transplantation of the amun or late rice is still going on. The rain has done good.
25	Tipperah, 11th „ „	5·11	Cloudy, cool, and rainy, more like what the rains ought to be. At Brahmunberia sub-division 1·42. The amun or late rice crop is still in fair condition, and the timely rain has saved it from being a failure in the nine thanas of the sudder sub-division; but more rain is still required in the Brahmunberia sub-division or three northern thanas.
26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 8th Sep. 1874.	3·42	Rainy throughout the whole week. The hillmen are busily engaged in harvesting their paddy crop. The cotton planted is thriving well. The falls of rain during the week have been of much service to the plough cultivators. The prospects of all the crops are good.
	Hill Tipperah, 11th Sep. 1874.	1·38	A few heavy showers at the beginning of the week, with strong wind from south-east. Weather cloudy, with breaks of sunshine. Prospects of crops good.
BEHAR.			
PATNA DIVISION. 27	Patna, 14th* Sep 1874	3·14	Pretty good showers during the week (6th to 12th). The harvesting of the bhadoi or early crops well nigh completed. Prospects of the rice crops reported to be excellent. Health good.
28	Gya, 12th „ „	1·21	Rainy and hot. Everything that could be desired. A very full bhadoi or early crop is being harvested, and rice is everywhere reported good.
29	Shahabad, 12th „ „	2·48	Showery weather. Prospects good. The bhadoi or early crop is being generally harvested. The injury caused by the recent floods has not been fully ascertained. The Soane is in flood again near Arrah, having commenced to rise on the 11th. This is very unfortunate, following so soon as it does on the recent heavy floods of both the Ganges and Soane in this direction.
30	Tirhoot, 12th „ „	1·24	Sometimes cloudy and sometimes fine. In the Durbhunga sub-division, the crops everywhere show a decided improvement. Rain has fallen generally over the sub-division, refreshing the crops that have been sown, and enabling cultivators to prosecute transplanting operations. The present prospects are therefore hopeful. The bhadoi is being harvested, and the outturn will be on the whole an average crop, except in Warrisnuggur relief circle, where it will be under the average. In the Mudhoobunnee sub-division heavy showers in every part of the sub-division. The rain has vastly improved the prospects of the paddy crops. They are now looking healthy everywhere, and may be considered out of danger. In the Seetamurhee sub-division there has been a rainfall, more or less general over the sub-division, doing much good to plants. Murwa (millet) and makai (Indian-corn) are expected to yield twelve annas; sathi paddy five to six annas; aghani or late rice crop to north twelve annas, to south eight annas. In the Tajpore sub-division the harvest of bhadoi or early crop has commenced; outturn is likely to be as expected, except perhaps that of murwa (millet), which will not be a ten-anna crop. Dhan (paddy) is looking up, but transplantation is still incomplete in the north-west. There is still but little water in the rice beds, but a few good downpours are much wanted. The loss in the south-west will not be so great as feared, owing to the rapid subsidence of the water. Root crops are being put out in greater quantities than usual. The crop return from Hajeepore not received. The prospects of crops in the sudder sub-division continue much the same as reported last week.
31	Sarun 12th „ „	1·59	Cloudy, with showers and sunny intervals; east wind prevailing. The bhadoi or early crops are being cut, and coming into the markets here and there in small quantities There seems strong reason to doubt whether the yield of the bhadoi harvest of the district, as a whole, will exceed a 9-anna crop or a 6¾-anna crop according to the Government method of calculation; or in other words, a little above half an average crop. Transplantation of aghani or late rice in the low lands has been completed, but in the higher lands it is going on; much still remains to be planted out, while some portions of the district are, according to the latest accounts, even yet affected by drought. There have been heavy showers in most parts, but more rain is still wanted everywhere, except in Chuprah, Dighwarah, and Pursa thanas. No rain in Gopalgunge, an outpost of thana Burrowlee, in the Sewan sub-division. Manufacture of indigo "khontee" (second cuttings) going on. Prices (rice excepted) show a downward tendency, partly in consequence of importations, and partly from the new crops coming into the markets.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
Patna Divn. 32	Chumparun, 11th Sep. 1874.	3·92	Showery, with sunny intervals; variable winds, and moist and cool. The rain of the week has been fairly general in the east and south-east and general in the rest of the district, where the prospects of all crops and the actual outturn of those being harvested are excellent. After a personal visit to the south-east of the district, the Collector estimates that the loss in the rice will not be nearly so great as hitherto reported, and that it promises to be an average or nearly average crop.
Bhagulpore Divn. 33	Monghyr, 12th „ „	3·46	Alternate sunshine and showers. The prospects continue good all over the district. The inundation in Begoo Serai has only damaged the crops locally. There was very heavy rain on Wednesday morning, which benefited the rice crops.
34	Bhagulpore, 14th* „ „	1·39	Rainfall at Soopool 5·92; Muddehpoora 3·30; Banka ·84. Splendid weather for all crops; and the aghani or late rice, with favorable and seasonable weather for three weeks more, must be very fine. General health unusually good for the time of year.
35	Purneah, 12th Sep. 1874	3·04	Heavy rain at times—mostly at night. The bhadoi or early crop is first-rate; but the Collector has recently been told that in the north of the district, nothing compared to what is expected from the aghani or late rice crop if the present favorable weather continues a little longer; there is at present no prospect of any change.
36	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 12th Sep. 1874.	4·36	The weather has been cloudy and wet throughout the district. At Deoghur 9·67 inches of rain have been registered; at Rajmehal 4·3; at Godda 2·22 only. In the sudder sub-division the crops are very good indeed, and prospects excellent. At Deoghur they are as yet uninjured by excess of rain. A little dry weather is desirable for reaping sati paddy. Prospects continue favorable. In Rajmehal prospects continue good. Seasonable rain has fallen pretty generally throughout the sub-division. In Godda the crops, though somewhat backward, are described as generally getting on satisfactorily.
ORISSA.			
Orissa Division 37	Cuttack, 14th* Sep. 1874	5·07	Weather clear, with occasional storms; much land still under water. Where floods have subsided not much damage done. Beali rice ripe, and being cut, with excellent outturn. General prospects good.
38	Pooree, 11th „ „	1·8	Cloudy, with slight rain. The early rice crop is ripening. The late rice crop is being weeded. Both the crops have been partly destroyed by the late excessive rain and high floods. Preparations are being made for transplanting and replacing the crops lost as far as possible. Nearly one-fourth of the crops in the Pooree sub-division has been lost. The prospects of the crops have been seriously injured, but a continuance of fair weather would to some extent compensate the loss. Sugarcane is doing well and promises a good crop. Mandea, urhur, and Nowberhi (pulses), and castor are growing well. Teel (oil-seeds) being harvested, and the outturn is indifferent. The flood has now subsided and the inundated fields have been relieved, but several and large breaches in embankments have been left, and if any high floods follow, there will be much damage. Prices are stationary. Public health fair.
39	Balasore, 11th „ „	3·64	Constant yet not excessive rain has been falling all over the district for six days. The effect has been highly beneficial, and the crops are very promising. In the few localities damaged by inundation, active efforts are being made to repair losses. The early harvest is being reaped.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazareebagh, 11th Sep. 1874.	4·76	If anything, there has been too much rain. The ripening crops require more sunshine; but no special complaints on this head have been heard as yet, and there has been sunshine on the 10th and 11th. A few days' fine weather coming now would do great good.
41	Lohardugga, 12th Sep. 1874.	2·81	Seasonable weather. The high land rice is being cut, and the crop is reported from all sides to be a most excellent one. The late rice is also doing well, and the prospects at present are very fine.
42	Singbhoom, 11th Sep. 1874.	2·18	Seasonable. Most favorable. Crops looking well. Gora paddy in course of cutting. Public health good. Several cases of cattle-disease reported from parts of the district.
43	Manbhoom, 12th Sep. 1874.	9·1	Weather very good. The heavy fall of rain, which took place on the 9th instant, has been of great service in filling the tanks and reservoirs, and supplying the rice-fields on the high ground with a sufficiency of water of which they were much in need. No more rain is required just at present, but some good downfalls are looked for towards the end of this month and in the middle of October. The gora rice is being cut all over the district, and is yielding a good return. Cotton and sugarcane are doing well. The health of the people is good.

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BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 21st* Sep. 1874	·2	Rain at Cutwa 1·61; at Jehanabad 2·11; at Culna ·62; at Bood-Bood *nil*; Raneegunge 1·25 Prospects of the crops have improved by the recent rains, but more rain is wanted for the lately transplanted amun or late rice. Fever as before
2	Bankoora, 19th „ „	1·01	Heavy rain at head-quarters on the 13th; showers at intervals throughout the district. General prospects are favorable. The northern part of Moheshra Pergunnah is backward, both as regards the quantity and quality of the winter rice. Indigo manufacture has closed with a good return of over 700 maunds. Prices falling.
3	Beerbhoom, 19th „ „	3·06	Showery. The state and prospects of the crops at date are generally good, though short crops are anticipated over a small area, east of the railway. Prices falling.
4	Midnapore, 19th „ „	0·18	Generally fine, with occasional and partial showers. Though the week has been dry, no complaints of want of rain have been heard; the fall of the preceding week having been abundant. If rain falls to a seasonable extent next week, the crops will be doing generally well, though rather below par in the north-east. Aous or early rice coming into the market, and reducing prices.
6	Hooghly, 19th „ „	Nil	Cloudy and sultry; no rain. At Serampore rainfall 1·47, at Chunditolah 2·34, at Hurripal 1·55, and at Kistonagore 3·05 inches. Prospects of amun or late rice much improved; transplantation still going on. More rain is necessary. Reaping of the aous or early rice crop has commenced.
	Howrah, 19th „ „	·83	Much less rain than there ought to be. The amun or late rice in most parts of the district is at present looking very well indeed. The rain which fell last week has done a material amount of good. But there was not much rain in the Juggutbullubpore Thana and along the Hooghly boundary generally. In this comparatively small tract, it is feared, the crop must be a short one under any circumstances. Unfortunately this part of the district had but four annas crop last year, has been severely visited by epidemic fever, and contains a large number of paupers.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 21st† Sep. 1874.	Nil	Dry and close. The harvesting of the aous or early rice and jute not yet completed. Transplantation of amun or late rice, where possible, still going on. More rain is needed. Fever prevailing in Sub-divisions Baraset, Busseerhat, Satkhira, and Barripore. It is abating in Diamond Harbour.
7	Nuddea, 19th Sep. 1874	1·40	Seasonable. Floods have done harm to teel (oil-seed), urhur (pulse), sugarcane, and chillies and other crops, especially in the Meherpore and Chooadangah Sub-divisions. The amun or late rice crops, however, have derived benefit on the whole. The rain has done much good. Prices have slightly risen, perhaps, because of the floods.
8	Jessore, 19th „ „	·59	The week has been generally cloudy, but there has been only a small quantity of rain at the head-quarters. A very high inundation has flooded the Jhenidah Sub-division, and has extended along the course of the Chittra as far down as Narrail. The amun or late rice crop has been submerged, and considerable fears are entertained as to whether it will revive. Elsewhere the late rain has been most beneficial, and the prospects are good. Prices are higher, particularly in the northern part of the district—a result due partly to the fears for the harvest caused by the inundation, and partly to the difficulty of getting the grain husked and brought to market owing to wet weather.
RAJSHAHYE DIVN. 9	Moorshedabad, 19th Sep. 1874.	2·42	There has been less rainfall than last week, but most parts have been visited by good showers; cloudy at the time of report. The inundation caused by the breach of the bund at Chaitpore has subsided with the fall of the Bhagiruthee, and the crops which were submerged on the low lands are recovering. Should no further rise take place in the rivers, the damage done to the crops will not prove serious, except in a limited tract. The floods in other parts are also subsiding. Arhur (pulse) alone is reported to have suffered severely. In the west, considerable improvement in the late rice crop is observed. Prices stationary.
10	Dinagepore, 18th Sep. 1874.	2·14	Rain all over the district throughout the week: heavier in the interior. The cutting of the bhadoi or early crops not quite finished yet. There has been ample rain for the hymunti (winter rice), the prospects of which are most excellent. No more rain needed now, till the first week of October 1874.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
RAJSHAHYE DIVISION.—(*Contd.*) 11	Maldah, 19th Sep. 1874	2·23	Rain almost daily, more or less; heavy and continual showers reported from the north of the district. The weather has been most favorable for the crops. The inundation has gone down about four feet. The prospects of the late rice are good. Kulai (pulse) is now being sown in some parts of the district.
12	Rajshahye, 19th „ „	4·34	There has been rather heavy rain everywhere throughout the district during the week. The inundation is subsiding, and the winter rice crop is doing well, only a very small portion of it having been damaged by the sudden floods. Prices have risen in some places and fallen in others, but only to a small extent. The fever, which generally prevails at this season, has commenced to show itself in the east of the district; otherwise public health is good.
13	Rungpore, 18th „ „	3·89	Heavy showers at the commencement of the week. Weather apparently clearing up at the end. The rainfall has been heavier in the south. Gybanda reports 8·53, and Govindgunge 17 inches, but this latter quantity has not been ganged. All the rivers are rising. The prospects of the crops greatly improved everywhere. Transplantation still actively going on.
14	Bogra, 19th „ „	2·31	Crops look excellent. Prospects are very good in every respect.
15	Pubna, 19th „ „	1·79	Weather dry, and no rain during the week, except a heavy shower on Monday night. In some parts of the district about four annas of the amun or late rice crop has suffered from the inundation. The water is now gradually subsiding, and the prospect of the above crop looks favorable. The state of other crops is just the same as reported in the previous report Fever still continues.
COOCH BEHAR DIVS. 16	Darjeeling, 18th „ „	3·25	Most of the rain during the week is registered as having fallen on Sunday, the 13th. All the other days rain fell in light showers. All the crops throughout the district are progressing very favorably. In the plains, a great deal of rain fell during the week, which is considered beneficial.
17	Julpigoree, 18th „ „	24·52	The rainfall this week has been exceptionally high; it has also been general throughout the district. Nothing could be finer for the cold weather rice. The general feeling in the district was well expressed by an agriculturist, who, speaking of the heavy rains, said "it is all so much gold now" which is falling in the fields.
	Cooch Behar, 17th „ „	13·11	Very wet, with high floods, which have done no harm; prospects continue to be good.
	Eastern Districts.		
DACCA DIVISION. 18	Dacca, 21st* „ „	0·07	Weather dry and hot; crops good; more rain required.
19	Fureedpore, 19th „ „	0·95	Excepting on Tuesday and Thursday, when nearly an inch of rain fell, the past week has been dry and sunny, most favorable in every way for present agricultural requirements. After all the rain, sun is good for the amun or late rice. The water since last week has fallen about three inches, which, under ordinary circumstances, is immaterial. Present prospects of the amun are reported excellent throughout the district. The price of coarse rice at Fureedpore and Goalundo has fallen from 12 to 13, and from 13 to 15 seers per rupee. At Madareepore, Bhanga and Gopalgunge there has been no change.
20	Backergunge, 17th Sep. 1874.	2·90	Rainy weather. Prospects of crops favorable.
21	Mymensingh, 18th Sep. 1874.	2·21	In the north, east, and west of the district the rainfall has been much heavier than at the sudder The prospects of the late rice crop are satisfactory throughout the district, and the area under cultivation is up to the average.
22	Sylhet, 15th Sep. 1874	16·86	Almost incessant rain since Wednesday, with just signs of a break on the 15th. Amun or late and kutaria crops promise well after the heavy rain. All anxiety for crops on high lands, and in pergunnahs Turaf. Bejura and Bhamgach more especially, may now be said to be removed. Good fourteen annas of the sail crop has now been transplanted.
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 23	Chittagong, 17th Sep. 1874.	2·96	Rain every day at head-quarters, except Sunday the 13th. Weather cloudy and breezy, with fine intervals. From Cox's Bazar 2·51 inches reported up to 15th instant. The reaping of the aous or early rice is nearly finished, and, as already reported, the outturn is fair. Transplanting of the amun or sail (late rice) crop has been delayed by want of rain last month, but it will be completed shortly; and the weather during the week has been most favorable for field work Cholera still reported from Harbang (Cox's Bazar).
24	Noakhólly, 17th Sep. 1874	6·68	Rain throughout the week. The aous or early rice crop has been reaped; the outturn has not been reliably estimated, but is said in most places to be as good as, or better than, last year The amun or late rice has been nearly all transplanted, it has benefited by the rain, and promises well.

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BENGAL.—(*Concld.*)				
		Eastern Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
Chittagong Dvn.	25	Tipperah, 18th Sep. 1874	2·53	Cool and rainy. The rain which has fallen during the last fortnight has done much good to the amun or late rice crops in most parts of the district, except in the most northern thanas, where more rain is still required.
	26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 15th Sep. 1874.	3·85	Rainy throughout the whole week. The hill people are busily engaged in harvesting their paddy crop. Cotton is thriving well, the pods having formed. The heavy fall of rain during the week have been of much service to the plough cultivators. Prospects good.
		Hill Tipperah, 19th Sep. 1874.	1·72	Generally hot and cloudy. Rainy during the latter part of the week; the late rice crop doing well.
BEHAR.				
Patna Division.	27	Patna, 21st* Sep. 1874	·42	Weather very close, especially in the evening. Bhadoi crops have nearly been harvested. Rice crops are thriving well, but more rain is wanted in some places. Health of the district generally good.
	28	Gya, 19th „ „	Nil.	Fine and hot; the crops continue to progress favorably. The bhadoi or early crop harvest has been unusually good, and the prospects of the rice are everywhere favorable. Health generally good. Fever somewhat prevalent.
	29	Shahabad, 19th „ „	1·70	Sunny and very hot. The prospects of all the crops are excellent. This break in the weather is advantageous in every way. Water is abundant. Health on the whole good.
	30	Tirhoot, 19th „ „	·56	Hot in the day and cloudy at night. In the Hajeepore Sub-division the bhadoi is now a splendid crop and safe. The inundation, where it has not been excessive, has benefited the paddy. Reports from the interior good. In the Madhoobunnee Sub-division the prospects of the paddy crop most excellent. The early gamrhi rice, which has not died, is now being cut; but its outturn, though more than expected, will be quite inconsiderable. In Durbhunga, prospect of rice crop satisfactory, except for about 20 square miles in the south, where rain is much wanted, and 3,000 acres in the west submerged. In Rosserah the prospects are generally hopeful, except in Warisnuggur relief circle, where the rice crop will be under a short average one; with good rain between this and 15th October, a fair average crop, though a late one, may be expected. Bhadoi has yielded generally an average crop. Reports from Seetamurhee not received. There is no material change in the prospect of crops in the Sudder Sub-division. *Tajpore.*—Rainfall, ·53 at Tajpore, but partial; bhadoi harvest progressing. Paddy still looks fresh, but wants heavy rain; transplantation incomplete in north-west, and time for it gone. Root crops promising.
	31	Saran 19th „ „	·19	Hot and clear; both east and west wind. Very slight showers, except within the jurisdiction of Thanas Mushruck, Pursa, and Bussuntpore, in the Sudder Sub-division, and Burrowlee and Buragaon in the Sewan Sub-division, where there has been no rain. The bhadoi or early crops are being harvested and consumed, and coming into the markets here and there in small quantities. The aghani or late rice in the low lands is promising, in the higher lands it is being seriously affected by drought; transplantation is at a standstill. Rain most anxiously looked for. In Thana Buragaon the rice seedlings are being cut for fodder for cattle. In Thana Burrowlee, an area of about 10,000 beeghas of paddy land has been successfully irrigated from the Gunduk by means of petty irrigation works constructed by relief labour during the present year. Manufacture of indigo "khontee" (second cuttings) is still going on in some factories; the outturn has been very small. Prices (jowar, cheena, and gram excepted) steady. Some cases of cholera at Sewan and in Bussuntpore.
	32	Chumparun, 18th Sep. 1874.	0·17	Bright, hot and sunny, with morning mists, occasional showers, and light variable winds. The rainfall at Bettiah has been ·24, but in the east between 2 and 3 inches have fallen, thereby much improving prospects in that quarter, which elsewhere, except in a corner of the south-east, are most favorable.
Bhagulpore Dvn.	33	Monghyr, 19th „ „	1·42	Hot and sultry. The prospects of the crops continue good throughout the district; with seasonable rain next month splendid rice crop is expected.
	34	Bhagulpore, 21st* „ „	·12	There has been rain in the interior; at Banka, 2·02. Soopool and Muddehpoora both report all crops as in excellent condition. Two more good heavy falls of rain, one in this month and one in the next, will ensure very fine crops. The same may be said of the Sudder and Banka Sub divisions. General health very good.
	35	Purneah, 19th Sep. 1874	2·01	Same as last reported. The prospects continue good. A little fine weather is now wanted to enable people to dry and thrash the early rice. The yield of makai (Indian corn) has been enormous. It is almost a drug in the markets.
	36	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 19th Sep. 1874.	0·71	The weather has been all that could be desired, the two sub-divisions which wanted a good fall of rain have got it—Rajmehal getting 5·9 and Godda 6·3; in the Sudder and Deogurh, where sunshine was wanted, there has been but little rain. Reports all round are very cheering. If seasonable rain falls hereafter there will be more than an average harvest of all crops.

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ORISSA.			
Orissa Division. 37	Cuttack, 21st* Sep. 1874	1·05	Rain at Jajpore 2·5. Weather clear, with occasional storms. Floods have subsided; very little damage done. Crops generally very flourishing. Public health good.
38	Pooree, 19th „ „	·68	Rainy in the early part of the week and since cloudy. The early rice crop is ripening and partly being reaped, but the outturn is indifferent owing to the late excessive rain and heavy floods. The late rice crop is being weeded and also transplanted where it has been destroyed by flood. The rivers have risen again, but the floods have not caused any fresh damage. The prospects of the crops are likely to improve with a continuance of fair weather. Sugarcane is doing well and promises a good crop. Mandia, arhur, and nowbirhi (pulses) are growing well. Teel-seed is being harvested with an indifferent outturn. Prices stationary. Public health fair.
39	Balasore, 18th „ „	·34	No rain since the 12th. The people are reaping their early rice, which is, however, an insignificant harvest, and weeding their late rice. General prospects continue favorable. Some loss has been caused as usual by the Suburnrekha floods. In the south of the district the crop newly planted on the inundated lands is doing well.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazareebagh, 18th Sep. 1874.	·06	Seasonable. The sunshine of the past week has greatly benefited the ripening crops, and is most seasonable for harvesting the early rice. Prospects at present are very good everywhere.
41	Lohardugga, 19th Sep. 1874.	2·31	Showery, with intervals of sunshine. The prospects of the crops are very good all over the district. The harvesting of the high land rice is going on. The bhadoi crops in Chota Nagpore Proper generally are very fine, and the late rice also promises well. In the Palamow Sub-division the bhadoi crops have been somewhat injured by the heavy rain, but the late rice crop is doing well. Lands being ploughed for the rubbee crops.
42	Singbhoom, 18th Sep. 1874.	0·59	Hot and cloudless during the greater part of the week. Favorable. The break in the weather was required and will do good if not of too long duration. The gora dhan still being cut. Outturn good. General public health good. Condition of people good.
43	Manbhoom, 19th Sep. 1874.	0·88	Favorable weather. The weather has been characterised during the last week by alternate sunshine and showers, which is favorable for all the crops, and also admits of the gora rice, now being cut, being gathered in, in good order. The rice crop only lately planted out have been attacked by the insect named boojs, but not to any very great extent as yet, and the damage done is chiefly confined to the crops on poor land, where the plants are weak and stunted. All the other crops and the rice crop on lower and better class of lands are doing well. Health good.

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Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 26th September 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 28th* Sep. 1874	1·46	Rainfall at Rancegunge 2·52, at Jehanabad 1·45, at Boodbood 2 86, at Culna ·61, at Cutwa nil. Outturn of aous or early rice in Culna 10 annas. Prospects of the amun or late rice in Rancegunge, Jehanabad, and south of Damoodah, very fair. In Cutwa, more rain is wanted; in Bood-bood, a good deal of land about Kanno; and in north, Ausgram is uncultivated. Floods near Gooskarra have done some damage to the standing crops. Fever as before.
2	Bankoora, 26th „ „	0·98	Dry and hot during the early part of the week and showery towards the close. The crops continue to do well. The weather of late has been all that could be desired. The aous or early rice crop is being reaped, and some of the new rice is in the market. General health good.
3	Beerbhoom, 26th „ „	11·96	Wet weather. State and prospects of the crops continue good, abundance of rain having fallen; an interval of clear weather is now desirable. Prices stationary.
4	Midnapore, 26th „ „	2·82	After a break of about ten days, general rain set in again on the 23rd, and has been descending with intervals ever since. The state of the crops is generally favorable; a few more good showers during the next 25 days will secure an amun or late rice crop of rather above than below the average. The aous or early rice crop has also proved rather above than below the average.
5	Hooghly, 26th „ „	1·43	North-east wind for two days, and south and south-east during the remainder of the week. Weather cloudy and stormy on Friday night. Rain at Chunditolah 1·40, Kristonogore ·85 inches. More rain is urgently required for the late rice crop and for the cold weather crops, and for filling the tanks. Aous crop is being reaped.
	Howrah, 26th „ „	2·10	The weather for the last three days has been good, and promises to be persistent. Harvest prospects (of the cold weather crops) have been materially improved by the rain during the week, which has been general over the district. This rain has come too late to make the prospect brilliant in Jugutbullubpore, but it has left a chance of perhaps a fair average crop in this thana. In all other thanas the prospects are decidedly bright.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 28th† Sep. 1874.	3·90	Very hot and close during the first two days of the week, and rainy and cool during the remaining five days. Heavy showers fell during the week, which did great good to the late rice. The harvesting of aous or early rice is all but completed. Fever prevails in Baraset, Barripore, Satkhira, and Busseerhat. It has abated considerably in Diamond Harbour.
7	Nuddea, 26th Sep. 1874	0·72	Hot during the early part of the week, but cool and cloudy with slight rain during the latter half. The weather has of late been all that could be wished for. The floods have been slowly subsiding except in Bongong, which of course is the sub-division last affected. On the whole, the floods have done good to the amun or late rice, and they came too late to hurt the aous or early rice very much. Teel (oil-seed), chillies, arhur (pulse), &c., in the low grounds and in the parts first inundated have been destroyed. Prices still very high, and show no signs of falling. This fact in the face of the generally good prospects in Bengal seems to show that the stocks are really very small, and to confirm the opinion that the aous crop has not been good.
8	Jessore, 26th „ „	2·42	Cloudy and sultry in the early part of the week, and heavy rain at the end. The inundation is subsiding, and it is not thought that the damage will be so serious as was feared. Outside the inundated area, the late copious rain has done much good, and the prospects are on the whole very good. In the north, the sowing of the cold weather crops, kallye (pulse) and peas, is commencing.
RAJSHAHYE DIVS. 9	Moorshedabad, 26th Sep. 1874.	1·70	There has been ample rainfall during the week in almost all parts of the district. The weather was cloudy at the time of report. The late rice crops in the Bhurutpore, Khargram, and Kalliangunge thanas have much improved. The seedlings recently transplanted are also doing well. Reports from other parts are equally favorable. Kalai (pulse) is being sown on low lands from which the floods are receding. No material change in prices since last report.
10	Dinagepore, 25th Sep. 1874.	3·43	Showers all over the district, with hot and sunny intervals. Bhadoi or early crop has been all cut. The prospects of the hymunti or late rice crop are excellent: a bumper crop may be expected.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
Rajshahye Division.—(*Contd.*) 11	Maldah	.....	Return not received.
12	Rajshahye	.....	Return not received.
13	Rungpore, 25th Sep. 1874.	1·99	Weather hot during the first part of the week. Since then north-east wind blowing; stormy and cold. Reports of crops favorable. Transplantation coming to an end. Some low ground cultivation has been submerged in places, owing to excess of rain. Telegraphed on the 28th.—Rain since Friday 5 inches and a half.
14	Bogra, 26th „	5·19	During the week there has been again ample rainfall, and the prospects of the crops continue to be excellent. In all probability a bumper amun or late rice crop is expected, though there may be losses from inundation in isolated localities. General health good.
15	Pubna, 26th „	3·09	Weather dry. Heavy rain on 24th and 25th. The damage to the late rice crop by inundation is calculated to be two annas on the average. The prospects of this and other crops continue favorable. Fever continues.
Cooch Behar Dist. 16	Darjeeling, 25th „ „	3·97	During three or four days of the week little or no rain fell, but during the night of the 24th and morning of the 25th, it has been coming down in torrents. The crops continue to progress favorably. The abatement of rain during the early part of the week seems to have been considered as an advantage.
17	Julpigoree, 25th „ „	7·06	Alternate rain and hot sun, with occasional heavy showers. Nothing could be finer than the prospects of the coming rice crop. Other crops promise well.
	Cooch Behar, 24th „ „	4·82	Wet in beginning of week, afterwards fine. Prospects continue to be good.
	Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division. 18	Dacca, 28th* Sep. 1874.	2·05	Plentiful rain all over the district. Crops very good.
19	Fureedpore, 26th „ „	1·75	Excepting on Tuesday and Wednesday, rain throughout the week, and a severe storm on the afternoon of Friday. The water continues steadily falling all over the district, and the amun or late rice is in a very promising condition everywhere. The price of coarse rice is stationary at Goalundo, Bhanga, and Gopalgunge, and has slightly fallen at Fureedpore and Madareepore.
20	Backergunge, 24th Sep. 1874.	2·65	Clear and hot. Prospects of crops good.
21	Mymensingh, 25th Sep. 1874.	0·58	Bright and sunny. Heavy rain has again commenced since night of the 23rd, and the prospects of the late rice crop are exceedingly good.
22	Sylhet	.....	Return not received.
Chittagong Div. 23	Chittagong, 24th Sep. 1874.	2·13	Hot and steamy weather, with rain at intervals. The situation is the same as last week, except that transplanting is nearer completion. There has been a fair amount of rain during the week, and the sky is still threatening. Cholera reported from Satkania, in the sudder sub-division.
24	Noakholly, 24th Sep. 1874	0·06	Weather for most part clear and very warm. The accounts so far received of the aous or early rice harvest are fairly satisfactory. The amun or late rice has been nearly transplanted, and promises well.
25	Tipperah, 25th „ „	·46	Hot, still, and dry. No rain at Brahmunberiah sub-division. The late rice crop is reported in good condition in the eight southern thanas, but more rain is wanted in the four northern thanas. The outturn of the aous or early rice has been good.
26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 22nd Sep. 1874.	1·18	Cloudy every now and then. Excessively hot throughout the whole week. The paddy harvest still continues. Cotton plants are thriving, but they have not recovered the want of rain during July and August. Prospects, on the whole, fair.
	Hill Tipperah, 26th Sep. 1874.	0·25	Hot and cloudy; thunderstorm at 4 P.M., 23rd September. No change to report in the prospects of the crops. More rain wanted.
BEHAR.			
Patna Dyn. 27	Patna, 28th* Sep. 1874	3·54	Rain from 20th to 26th and 28th September. Weather all that could be desired both for the paddy crop now on the land, and for the future prospects of the rubbee. Every appearance of more rain. Health of the district continues good.
28	Gya, 26th „	0·80	Seasonable weather. Bhadoi or early crops harvested. Sathi paddy being reaped. Rice everywhere promising. Health generally good.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
PATNA DIVISION.—(*Contd.*) 29	Shahabad, 26th Sep. 1874	0·90	Clear and hot at commencement of the week. Rain during the last two days with high east wind. The *Hatya Nachatra* commenced on the night of the 25th. Cloudy and showery at the time of report, and much cooler. The prospects of all the crops continue excellent. The bhadoi or early crop is coming into the market. The present break in the weather is all that could be desired for the aughani or late rice, and for preparing the land for the rubbee crops.
30	Tirhoot, 26th „ „	0·97	Cloudy and warm. In the Mudhoobunnee sub-division, rainfall during the week is 0·12 inches. Prospects of paddy crops continue to be most excellent, but rain is still required in the high lands. The later sown *gamrhi* continues to be reaped in places; its outturn has been very poor through want of sufficient rain in the beginning of its growth. Telegraphed on the 28th, 15 inches (*sic*) of rain since Thursday noon; the rice crop is looked on as quite safe. In the Tajpore sub-division, rainfall 0·18 inches. Paddy still holds out, but except in the flooded tracts, will yield little or nothing without heavy *Hathya* rains. Amun or late rice still being planted. Tobacco transplanting begun. In the Hajeepore sub-division, bhadoi or early crop has been nearly harvested; it has turned out a splendid crop in all places in which it has not been destroyed by the late floods. The prospects of paddy are favorable, owing to a recent rainfall. In the Setamurhee sub-division, rainfall 0·30 inches. The rice plants are looking healthy. Cholera has abated in Shewhur. Fever prevalent as is usual at this season of the year. Report from Durbhunga has not been received. In the sudder sub-division, bhadoi or early crops have been harvested, and the outturn is expected to be from 10 to 12 annas. The late rain has done much good to the rice crop on high lands, and, if the rain continues a few days more the outturn will be an excellent one. Telegraphed on the 28th from Mozufferpore, rainfall from Friday morning to 6 A.M. of the 28th, 7·75 inches. Rain has been general in the western circle and elsewhere. The makai or Indian-corn has come into the market, and is selling at 23 seers per rupee.
31	Sarun 26th „ „	0·63	Hot and clear in the early part of the week; cloudy with showers since Thursday; both east and west wind. Weather still stormy and threatening. Rain more or less general throughout the district, except within the jurisdiction of Moharajgunge, an outpost of thana Bussuntpore, in the sudder sub-division; and Gopalgunge, an outpost of thana Burowlee; Roghunathpore and Goothni, outposts of thana Durowlee; in the Sewan sub-division, where there has been no rain. On the 21st there was a fall of 42 inches in part of the district where the previous rainfall had only been 22 inches, while at the same time there was none at all a few miles off. The bhadoi or early crops are being harvested and consumed, and coming into the markets. The aghani or late rice in the low lands is still doing well; in the higher lands it is being affected by drought. The late rain will have benefited the rice crop, but more is still anxiously looked for. Manufacture of indigo "khontee" (2nd cuttings) is still going on in some factories. Prices (wheat and common rice excepted) steady.
32	Chumparun, 25th Sep. 1874.	1·10	Very hot, bright, and sunny, with occasional heavy showers. General heavy rain set in on the day of report, much improving the prospects in the east and south-east. Elsewhere they continue most favorable.
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 33	Monghyr, 26th Sep. 1874	1·98	High wind and rain. There has been a good rainfall during the past two days. The crop prospects generally are excellent.
34	Bhagulpore, 28th* „ „	6·20	Very heavy and general rain throughout the district. Was raining hard at the time of report. Rainfall at Banka, 5·04; Soopool, 11·09; Muddehpoora, 4·40. The aghani or late rice crop throughout is perfectly safe, and must be a fine one, with a little more rain in middle of October. The crop will be far above the average. General health very good.
35	Purneah, 26th „ „	7·43	High wind from east, and rain since Thursday. The late rain will do good to the winter rice crop, which is now secured. There is every prospect of an extraordinarily large harvest.
36	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 26th Sep. 1874.	4·56	Dry in sudder sub-division in early part of the week, then very favorable rain. At Deogurh 1·85; Rajmehal 1·1; Godda 4·32. A little more rain would do no harm in Rajmehal. Prospects everywhere good.
ORISSA.			
ORISSA DIVISION. 37	Cuttack, 28th* Sep. 1874	3·79	Weather continues warm and showery. Crops thriving. Public health good.
38	Pooree, 24th „ „	1·07	Cloudy with slight rain. The early rice crop is ripening, and partly being reaped; and outturn fair in the parts not affected by floods. The late rice crop is being weeded, and also transplanted where it was destroyed by flood. The rivers have fallen, and no fresh damage has been caused. The prospects of the crops are fair. Sugarcane is doing well, and promises a good crop. Mandia, arhur and nowberhi (pulses) are growing well. Teel (oil-seed) is being harvested with an indifferent outturn. Prices stationary. Public health fair.
39	Balasore, 25th „ „	·94	First half of the week hot and dry, followed by a showery day, and two days of constant rain. This rain has been very opportune, and has enabled cultivators to resume their weeding, which had been interrupted.

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CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazareebagh, 25th Sep. 1874.	1·3	Hot and sultry, with rain at intervals. The prospects continue good throughout the district. Gora dhan and murwa (millet) are being cut, and yielding an abundant harvest. Soorgoojah and kurthee are being sown, and other lands are being ploughed for the rubbee. Fever is becoming prevalent, but in other respects the public health is good.
41	Lohardugga, 26th Sep. 1874.	1·30	Seasonable weather. The harvest of bhadoi or early crops has, on the whole, been an excellent one, and the prospects of the late rice crop are very good indeed, but in Chota Nagpore Proper and Palamow. In the latter the lands are now being ploughed for rubbee crops. Prices easy. General health is good.
42	Singbhoom, 25th Sep. 1874.	1·85	Sunny during the first part of the week, cloudy latterly. Very favorable; crops looking exceedingly well. Outturn of gora rice a full average everywhere. General health good.
43	Manbhoom, 26th Sep. 1874.	1·43	Favorable, owing to the continued favorable state of the weather. The prospects of the crops have improved of late. There was a good fall of rain on the 24th instant, which has done much to improve the paddy on the high lands. The strong sun between the showers has had the effect of destroying the Bogi blight, with which the rice crops on these lands were attacked. These now are recovering, and may yet produce a crop, but it is not likely to be more than an 8-anna one. The health of the people and their condition are now good.

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 26th September 1874.

Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 3rd October 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division. 1	Burdwan, 5th* Oct. 1874	·55	Rainfall at Bood-Bood 2·35, at Culna ·23, at Raneegunge 1·06, at Jehanabad 4·10. The prospects of the crops are good in Jehanabad, Raneegunge, and the thanna of the Sudder Sub-division south of the Damoodah, but not so good in the rest of the district In Bood-Bood and Gangoor especially much land is uncultivated. Outturn of aous or early rice in Culna 8 to 10 annas. Fever as usual.
2	Bankoora, 3rd „ „	0·84	A good shower fell on the 27th September and a slight one on the 3rd October; the rest of the week was dry. The prospects continue favorable. The crops may be looked on as safe, although a little more rain would increase the outturn.
3	Beerbhoom, 3rd „ „	1·91	Clear weather. State and prospects of the crops continue good. Prices falling.
4	Midnapore, 3rd „ „	0 07	Rainy in early part of the week; the weather seems to have settled now. There has been a good deal of rain both in Contai and Gurbeta Sub-divisions. Reports of crops encouraging. Aous rice came into the market and selling cheaply.
5	Hooghly, 3rd „ „	0·07	Cloudy and sunshiny. Wind for two days from north-east; the remainder of the week from south. Rainfall at Serampore 2·65. Chunditola 2·55. There have been showers in the interior. Aous or early rice is cut, and was a fair crop, except in the south. Amun or late rice will be good in the east, middling in the north and centre, and very bad in the south.
	Howrah, 3rd „ „	2·13	There has been rain during the week throughout the district. Weather sometimes cloudy and at times clear. Wind from south and east and north-east. The rain during the week has greatly benefited the crops. Transplanting amun or late rice seedling is nearly finished. In Jugutbullubpore and in parts of Domjoor amun seedlings have been transplanted, but a large quantity of land remains fallow for want of rain when required. Jute has been cut and sugar-cane is healthy.
	Central Districts.		
Presidency Division. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 5th† Oct. 1874.	2·75	Warm and showery. The rainfall during the past week has been very beneficial to the late rice. The harvesting of the aous or early rice is all but over. Fever still prevailing in Barripore, Satkhira, and Bussoorhat.
7	Nudden, 3rd Oct. 1874	0·59	Generally cool, with light showers; but heavy rain at Kooshtea and parts of Chooadangah. The state and prospects of the crops are but little changed since last report. The rivers rose a second time, but are now falling again. Prices are exceedingly high, and laborers are coming in in increased numbers to the relief works, though they are paid only 2 seers of rice for 100 cubic feet of earth-work.
8	Jessore, 3rd „ „	0 76	Cloudy, with a little rain; wind variable, but mostly from the south. In Jenidah the inundation is said to have caused much damage to the amun or late rice crop, and a good deal of teel (oil-seed), which had been sown in July and was looking promising, has been entirely lost. In Narrail, the other sub-division, which was affected though less severely by the inundation, the injury is not serious, and the prospects continue good. Throughout the rest of the district the crops are very promising.
Rajshahye Divn. 9	Moorshedabad, 3rd Oct. 1874.	2·49	All parts of the district have been visited by good showers during the week. The rainfall at Jungypore was 5·24 inches. The prospects of all crops continue to improve. Late rice is doing well in the west. The heavy rain which fell in the Rampore Hât Sub-division on the 26th September, gave rise to slight floods in the Kalliangunge thana; but no injury was done to the late rice crops. Prices are steady. Cholera prevails in some places.
10	Dinagepore, 2nd Oct. 1874.	4·69	Heavy rain throughout the district. The prospects of the winter crop are most excellent. A good crop now assured, even though no more rain should fall.
11	Maldah, 3rd Oct. 1874	2·24	Rain off and on throughout the week. The weather towards the end commenced clearing. Kalai (pulse) and sursow (mustard) are being sown. The prospects of the late rice crop are good. Rice is a little dearer.
12	Rajshahye 3rd „ „	2·10	There has been abundant rain since date of last report. There was a very heavy fall on Wednesday night. There have been a few clear and sunshiny days. This has been very beneficial to the crops. More rain is not required at present. The north-west of the district is much inundated by the overflowing of the rivers, and good deal of the amun or late rice crop is under water. Should the inundation not recede quickly, some of this crop will be lost in that quarter. Prices are much the same as last week.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)				
		Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
Rajshahye Divn.	13	Rungpore, 2nd Oct. 1874	6·18	Weather close, with heavy showers at intervals. Abundant rain everywhere. Prospects of crops good. Transplantation still proceeding in several places, but as a rule came to an end.
	14	Bogra, 3rd „ „	1 78	Everything is highly satisfactory. There is the greatest promise of a bumper amun or late rice crop.
	15	Pubna, 3rd „ „	2·57	Heavy rains on the 27th and 28th September, with a cooler wind from the south-east. The state of the amun or late rice crop continues to be good and promising. The water of the rivers is gradually subsiding. Some cases of cholera reported from Sujanagur outpost. Fever decreasing.
Cooch Behar Divn.	16	Darjeeling, 2nd „ „	9 57	The rains from 26th to 28th September were very heavy; the remaining days of the week were bright and sunny. The heavy rains of three days during the week have done considerable damage to the maize and rice still remaining on the ground, in the hills. The crops in the Terai progressing very favorably.
	17	Julpigoree, 2nd „ „	12·48	There has been unusually heavy rain this week for the time of year. It has been grand for the hymunti dhan, or late rice, than which crop nothing could promise better. All other crops looking well. Rain seems now to have stopped.
		Cooch Behar, 1st „ „	0 75	First five days wet, last two days fine. Prospects of crops very good; the recent wet weather has been beneficial.
		Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division.	18	Dacca, 5th* Oct. 1874	1·07	Sunshine and rain. Crops good. Rivers still high. Fever reported in Manickgunge.
	19	Fureedpore, 3rd „ „	8·84	Rain almost every day in the week, with an occasional interval of sunshine. On Wednesday, during three hours, upwards of 6 inches of rain fell in one continuous shower from two to five o'clock P.M. Weather most favorable for the late rice crop, accounts of which from every part of the district continue to be excellent. The price of coarse rice continues the same at Fureedpore and Gopalgunge and Bhanga, but it has slightly risen at Goalundo from default of imports. Madareepore return not received.
	20	Backergunge, 1st Oct. 1874.	1·08	Rainy weather. State and prospects of crops very good.
	21	Mymensingh, 2nd Oct. 1874.	2·2	The rainfall in the north and west of the district has been double that at the Sudder Station. Late rice crop promising a full yield.
	22	Sylhet	... ..	Return not received.
Chittagong Divn.	23	Chittagong, 1st Oct. 1874.	3·76	Hot and sunny with rain at intervals. 3·40 inches reported from Cox's Bazar up to 29th September. Transplanting of the late rice crop is very nearly finished. The weather during the week has been favorable. Insects previously reported from southern thanas have now disappeared. Cholera reported from *Satkania*, in the Sudder Sub-division, but seems to have disappeared from Cox's Bazar.
	24	Noakholly, 1st Oct. 1874	3·34	Weather warm. Rain on five days out of the seven. Usually a strong south wind. The aous or early rice crop was exceptionally good in Sundeep and Bamni, average in Hatia and Begumgunge, but fell short more or less in the four remaining thanas. The total outturn seems little below that of an ordinary year. The amun or late rice has been transplanted and is doing well, but more rain is wanted.
	25	Tipperah, 2nd „ „	2·06	Rather changeable, hot and sunshiny with a few heavy showers. The prospects of the amun or late rice throughout the whole district are good. The northern thanas have had a good supply of rain.
	26	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 29th Sep. 1874.	4·88	Excessively hot during the first part of the week. Heavy falls of rain on the 28th and 29th September. The harvesting of the paddy crops in the jooms still continues. The falls of rain during the week have been of much benefit to the late rice crop as also to the cotton plants. Prospects of all the crops good.
		Hill Tipperah, 3rd Oct. 1874.	3 70	Rainy and cloudy for the greater part of the week. Prospects of crops good.
BEHAR.				
Patna Divn.	27	Patna, 5th* Oct. 1874	2·88	The weather could not be more favorable than it is for the crops. Health of the district good.
	28	Gya, 3rd „ „	2·89	Fine weather. The crops are everywhere in a prosperous condition. Health good
	29	Shahabad, 3rd „ „	4·69	The rains appear to have come to an end; the days are sunny, much cooler in the mornings and evenings. Prospects are favorable. The aughani or late rice is said to be promising, and the land is everywhere being prepared for the rubbee or cold weather sowings, which are secured by the last rain. Health, on the whole, good.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
PATNA DIVISION.—(*Contd.*) 30	Tirhoot, 3rd Oct 1874.	7·03	Cloudy in night and hot. Mudhoobunnee Sub-division.—Rainfall during the week is 15·16 inches. The prospects of the paddy crop in this Sub-division are most excellent; there is every hope of an abundant crop this year; fine weather is now required everywhere; the continuous heavy rain of last five days has done considerable good also for the sowing of the rubbee or cold weather crops. Hajeepore Sub-division.—Rainfall during the week is 5·42 inches. The late rains have completely dissipated all fear of any failure of the winter crop. Seetamurhee Sub-division.—There has been heavy rain during the week, and it has been general; altogether, at Seetamurhee the rainfall was 10·79, at Dynchuprah to the north 4 inches on 26th ultimo, and 6 inches on the 27th; while at Seetamurhee there was 2·63 on the 26th, and 4·63 on 27th. The sub-divisional officer went to Amoonh westward with Dr. Coates, the Sanitary Commissioner, on 26th, and there the rainfall has been 13 inches. The Bagmatti has overflowed its banks, and inundated the country for five miles on each side The Lukhundayee and other rivers have also overflowed their banks; heavy rain has fallen throughout the sub-division, which has proved most favorable to the crops. The people are enjoying good health. In the Sudder Sub-division, the last four days' continuous rain has considerably benefited the high land crops, and now there is no fear of failure of the crops; few inches of rain in the latter part of the month will bring out a better aughanee or late rice crop. The last rain has been general throughout the district. Prices of grain gradually falling. Public health good. Telegraphed on the 5th—Prospects of the winter rice crops in Tajpore and Durbhunga Sub-divisions much improved by late heavy rains, which was general throughout the sub-divisions.
31	Sarun 3rd „ „	3·21	Cloudy, with showers during the early part of the week, clear and hot towards the close; both east and west wind. Heavy rain general throughout the district, varying from five to fifteen inches The bhadoi or early crops have been harvested, and are coming into the markets. The recent rain, though too late, it is feared, to admit of the remaining rice lands being planted out, has saved the standing rice crop, and will ensure good rubee or cold weather crops. Manufacture of indigo has been nearly completed. Prices (rice common, Indian-corn, and gram excepted) steady.
32	Chumparun, 3rd „ „	12·92	In the early part of the week incessant rain, followed by hot, sunny weather. The heavy rainfall has been general, and has done nothing but good. It has been followed by partial floods, from which so far no damage to speak of has occurred. The winter crops and spring sowings are now secure.
BHAGULPORE DITN. 33	Monghyr, 3rd „ „	5·07	Cloudy, with occasional showers. No change since last week. The crop prospects appear very favorable.
34	Bhagulpore, 5th* „ „	2·92	Rainfall at Banka 1·81, Muddehpoora, 6·40; heavy floods from Tiljooga, Dhimrah, and Coosy, which quickly subsided. Those of Tiljooga and Dhimrah were most beneficial. No actual damage reported from the Coosy floods, except to the early sown koorthi. Prospects of the aughanee or late rice could not be better. General health very good.
35	Purneah, 3rd „ „	2·14	Rain generally over the district. The rain is most seasonable and plentiful. Bhadoi or early crops reaped and thrashed; yield abundant. Aughanee or late rice crop well forward and promising a bumper crop.
36	Sonthal Perguunahs, 3rd Oct. 1874.	0·20	Rainfall at Rajmehal 7 inches, Deoghur 3·59, Godda ·9. Heavy rain in Doomka on the night of the 2nd, after a fine week. Crops are excellent everywhere. Rice is late in Godda, but rain came when it was most wanted. Nothing could be much better than prospects generally.
ORISSA.			
ORISSA DIVISION 37	Cuttack, 5th* Oct. 1874	1·22	Rainfall at Jajpore 1·11. Beali rice being reaped, fair average outturn; sarud or late rice growing well. Low lands still submerged in a few places; transplantation active in places where floods have subsided. General prospects encouraging Health good.
38	Pooree, 1st „ „	1·37	Showery with intervals of sunshine. Cloudy and sultry. The early rice crop is ripening and partly being reaped, and the outturn and prospects of the crop are fair. The late rice crop is being weeded and also transplanted in places where the flood has done damage. The present weather is favorable to the crops, and with a few more showers in this month the outturn will be good. Some kind of insects are at present damaging the crop, but the injury is partial and temporary and will cease with fresh shower of rain. The mandia (pulse) and teel (oil-seed) are being gathered with an indifferent outturn. Sugarcane and urhur and nowherhi (pulses) are doing well and promise a fair crop. Prices stationary
39	Balasore, 2nd „ „	2·68	Rainfall at Bhudruck 3·15. The weather on the whole is favorable, and the crops are promising. A moderate fall of rain during the present month will ensure the safety of the late harvest. Fever rather prevalent.

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CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
40	Hazareebagh, 2nd Oct. 1874.	1·97	Fair weather set in, winds northerly. Nothing could be better than the crops at present. The people wished the rains to continue a little longer, but the reservoirs are all full and the lands well saturated. The earlier rice crop called "gora" and 'sathi" has been reaped and has yielded far above the average, a 16-anna crop The later rice ought to yield a bumper crop also, as the rains, besides beginning one month earlier than last year, have continued this year until a fortnight later. New maize and millet are selling at upwards of a maund for the rupee. Typhoid is disappearing from the barracks, and the general health of the district is good. A few cases of cattle disease have been reported.
41	Lohardugga, 3rd Oct. 1874.	0·62	Seasonable weather. The bhadoi or autumn harvest has been very good, and the prospects of the late rice crop throughout the district are excellent. The new autumn rice is selling at Lohardugga at 36 seers. In Palamow the lands are being prepared for the rubee or cold weather crops. General health fair, though fever is very prevalent in parts.
42	Singbhoom, 2nd Oct. 1874.	3·94	Bright cloudless sky. Heavy rain during 29th and 30th. Crops looking thriving and well. A good outturn expected. The gora dhan has all been reaped, and the outturn has been good. General public health good
43	Manbhoom, 3rd Oct. 1874.	2·63	Slight showers. The crops have improved considerably during the last fortnight. The paddy on the high lands, that had in some places been almost destroyed by the Boji blight, has partially recovered, and if more rain falls during this month will give about an 8-anna crop. The paddy on the second class and lower lands is looking very well; altogether, if the season continues favorable, a better harvest will be secured than has been gathered in this district for the last three years. The rubee crops, consisting of oil-seed, pulses, cotton, and sugarcane, are all doing very well. Health good.

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Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 10th October 1874.

	No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.				
		Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division.	1	Burdwan, 12th* Oct. 1874	·93	Rainfall at Jehanabad nil, at Raneegunge 1·24, at Cutwa ·32, at Culna ·22, at Bood-Bood ·24. Prospects of crops good in Jehanabad and parts of Sudder Subdivision, south of the Damoodah. Accounts from the north of the district not so good. Fever as before.
	2	Bankoora, 10th „ „	2·48	Heavy rain on the 4th, and slight showers during the rest of the week. Prospects as favorable as can be wished for. Crops quite safe.
	3	Beerbhoom, 10th „ „	0·60	Clear weather. State and prospects of crops continue good. Prices falling.
	4	Midnapore, 10th „ „	1·60	Frequent but partial rains during the greater portion of the week. In the south-east of the district, where the Collector has been during the week, the prospects are excellent, such as he has not known for years. In the west a full crop is expected. Except in a few scattered tracts of 10 to 30 square miles that have been exceptionally unfortunate, the prospects of the amun or late rice crop are everywhere above the average.
	5	Hooghly, 10th „ „	0·79	Cloudy and sunshiny. Wind from north-east and south-east. Rainfall at Serampore 1·07, Chunditolla 2·65, Hurripal ·10. Prospects of the late rice same as last week. The showers which have fallen have benefited the growing crops.
		Howrah, 10th „ „	1·12	Alternate rain and sunshine. The aous or early rice harvest has been reaped. The crop has been good and was planted over a much larger area than usual. Good crop of jute has also been gathered. The weather has been very favorable for the amun or late rice crop, which is doing well. In Jugutbullubpore, however much land has been left uncultivated owing to scanty rainfall in that thana.
		Central Districts.		
Presidency Division.	6	24-Pergunnahs, 12th† Oct. 1874.	0·90	Close, with occasional light showers. The prospects of the late rice are gene....., favorable. Aous or early rice harvest almost finished. Ordinary fever still prevails in Busseerhat. The epidemic fever at Barripore has not yet died out.
	7	Nuddea, 10th Oct. 1874	0·03	Slight showers everywhere. The prospects remain unchanged. The floods are now going down everywhere, and have entirely done more good than harm on the whole, though of course individuals have suffered losses. Prices show a decided downward tendency everywhere, except at Kooshtea, where they have risen a little in some parts.
	8	Jessore, 10th „ „	·31	Generally clear. Rainfall slight. Wind variable, but mostly from the south. The prospects of the rice crop continue promising. The inundation which did some damage in the north and east of the district has left a deposit on the soil which will be very beneficial to the cold weather crops.
Rajshahye Divn.	9	Moorshedabad, 10th Oct. 1874.	0·08	Seasonable weather; cloudy and hot occasionally. Some good showers in most parts of the district during the week. The weather has been very favorable for the crops, but more rain is wanted for late transplantations. With more rainfall the average outturn of the district will probably be little below the average. The Bhagiruthee has commenced to rise again, and some of the sowings for the cold weather crops will probably be injured if the rise continues. Prices almost stationary. Cholera prevails in Goas in the east part of the district.
	10	Dinagepore, 8th Oct. 1874.	·91	A few slight showers in some places. The prospects of the winter crop continues excellent. Sugarcane also looking well. The ryots are beginning to break up land for cold weather crops.
	11	Maldah, 10th Oct. 1874	1·51	There were two heavy showers of rain on Sunday and Friday; the rest of the days were fair and sunny. Clouds still hang about. The prospects of the late rice crop are very good. Kalai (pulse) and sarisa (mustard) sowings going on. Some slight damage has been done to the former by a rise in the Mohanunda. The asina or early winter rice is nearly ripe.
	12	Rajshahye, 10th „ „	0·99	The rain of the last week has been moderate; in some quarters there has been more. The winter rice crops are doing well everywhere. Other crops also promise well. The late inundation did some damage to urhur (pulse) and sugarcane, though not to any great extent.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(*Contd.*)		
RAJSHAHYE DIVN. 13	Rungpore, 9th Oct. 1874	0·16	Weather hot. Favorable reports of the rice crops owing to the fine weather. The ground is being got ready for cold weather crops.
RAJSHAHYE DIVN. 14	Bogra	.....	Return not received.
RAJSHAHYE DIVN. 15	Pubna, 10th Oct. 1874	0·82	Slight rainfall on the 9th, and the weather is rather cool. Water has considerably subsided, and the prospects of amun or late rice, turmeric, urhur (pulse) and sugarcane continue promising. Fever much lessened.
COOCH BEHAR DIVN. 16	Darjeeling, 9th „ „	2·22	There was not much rain during the week, except on Sunday, when it came down very heavily. All the crops are progressing very favorably; the reports from the plains of this district are particularly favorable.
COOCH BEHAR DIVN. 17	Julpigoree, 9th „ „	1·10	Fine hot weather, with occasional showers and heavy dews. Prospects of all crops could not be better.
COOCH BEHAR DIVN.	Cooch Behar, 9th „ „	·08	Fine weather. A little rain in some parts. In the low grounds some of the rice crop has been destroyed by the last flood, but, on the whole, the heavy rain of last month has been very beneficial, and prospects are very good.
	Eastern Districts.		
DACCA DIVISION. 18	Dacca, 12th* Oct. 1874	0·57	Seasonable weather; state of crops good. Rivers falling. Fever reported.
DACCA DIVISION. 19	Fureedpore, 10th „ „	·24	Clear and sunny throughout the week, with occasional light showers. The rivers are steadily falling. The late rice crop continues in a very promising condition all over the district. The price of coarse rice has slightly fallen at Fureedpore, and is stationary at Bhangah, Gopalgunge, and Madareepore, but has risen a little at Goalundo.
DACCA DIVISION. 20	Backergunge, 8th Oct. 1874.	·28	Muggy and warm. Mornings cool; occasional showers of rain. State and prospects of crops very good.
DACCA DIVISION. 21	Mymensingh, 9th Oct. 1874.	0·25	The rain in the most of the district has amounted to nearly 2 inches during the week. The reports of the late rice crop are favorable throughout the district, although some fields are very backward for the season.
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 22	Chittagong, 8th Oct. 1874.	3·79	There was heavy and general rain on Friday night, and again on the night of the 7th; the rest of the week was fine and sunny. Transplanting is over, and the late rice now only requires rain during the rest of the month to turn out a good crop. Some little damage has been done by spring tides towards Cox's Bazar. Cattle disease prevalent in Harbang.
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 23	Noakholly, 8th Oct. 1874	2·9	Weather generally fair, with some rain on the 7th. The late aous rice, *Giring*, *Lamboori* and *Raja shail* are fit for reaping; more rain is wanted for the late rice crop.
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 24	Tipperah, 9th „ „	3·90	Rainfall at sub-division, 1·28. Hot and still during the first part of the week, then heavy rain on Wednesday night and Thursday morning. The state of the amun or late rice crop is reported as promising from all parts of the district.
CHITTAGONG DIVN. 25	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 6th Oct. 1874.	1·45	Occasional falls of rain during the first part of the week; dry and hot during the latter part. Foggy on the morning of the 6th. The joom paddy harvest is nearly completed. The outturn is said to be an average one. Cotton plants are doing fairly. Cucumber, melons, &c., &c., are sold in local markets. Mustard land is now being ploughed. Prospects fair.
CHITTAGONG DIVN.	Hill Tipperah	.....	Return not received.
BEHAR.			
PATNA DIVN. 26	Patna, 12th* Oct. 1874	3·60	Weather fine; mornings and evenings getting cool. Crops flourishing throughout the district. Health good.
PATNA DIVN. 27	Gya, 10th „ „	0·73	Fine weather. Everything prosperous. Health good.
PATNA DIVN. 28	Shahabad, 10th „ „	1·11	Stormy, with rain at the beginning of the week; prevailing wind, east. The weather has since cleared, and is now sunny, with west wind. The prospects of the crops continue very good. The heavy rain which fell during the week has done no harm to the late rice; it has to a certain extent retarded the preparation of the lands for the rubbee or cold-weather crop sowings, but the present clear and bright weather is all that could be wished.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
PATNA DIVISION.—(*Contd.*) 29	Tirhoot, 10th Oct. 1874	.....	Hot and sometimes cloudy. Seetamurhee Sub-division.—There was a passing shower on the 4th; a fall of ¼ inch. Nothing new about the state of crops to report; the prospects continue fair. The cultivators are preparing the maize and millet lands for the winter crops. The rivers that rose have gone down; the public health is good Mudhubani Sub-division.—The prospects of the paddy crop most excellent. Weather as good as desired. Agriculturists are preparing lands for the rubbee crops Durbhangah Sub-division.—The Bagmatti and Kamla overflowing their banks submerged the west of Thana, causing some anxiety. The waters have all submerged, however, without doing any material injury to the rice crop, which is generally looking well. The inundations have benefited the rubbee lands. In Hajeepore Sub-division everything looks as well as could possibly be wished, and there is now at Hajeepore good moisture for next year. Report from Tajpore has not been received. Sudder Sub-division.—There have been very heavy inundations from Little Gunduk and Bagmatti, which are now subsiding slowly. Though the floods will benefit the rubbee lands and high dhan lands, it is feared that the crops in the low lands have been somewhat injured. In the western part of the sub-division prospects are improving.
3	Sarun 10th „ „	·70	Weather sometimes cloudy, and at times clear and seasonable; both east and west wind. Rain more or less general throughout the district, varying from ·70 at Chuprah to 1·54 at Sewan. The bhadoi or early crops have been harvested, and coming into the markets more generally. The outturn of the crops, owing to the destructive inundations in parts, and unfavorable weather elsewhere, has probably not been more than 9 or 10 annas all round. The recent rain has saved the standing rice crop, and will ensure good "rubbee" or cold weather crops; still it may be doubted whether, taking into consideration the area of rice lands not planted out, and the losses in consequence of the previous drought, the yield of the "aughani" rice can now exceed from 8 to 10 annas over the whole district In thana Dighwarah fields are being prepared for the "rubbee" sowings. Prices (Indian-corn excepted) steady. Some cases of cholera in Aligunge.
31	Chumparun, 9th „ „	0·60	Hot and sunny, with occasional showers. The rains still continue. All crops and sowings of the year are secure.
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 32	Monghyr, 10th „ „	0·28	Fair weather. No change since last week; the prospects of the rice crop continue good.
33	Bhagulpore, 12th* „ „	·41	Rainfall at Banka ·45, Soopool ·17, Muddehpoora ·80. Aughani crops are so far magnificent. General health very good.
34	Purneah, 10th „ „	0·77	Cloudy, with occasional showers. Everything as prosperous as could be desired.
35	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 10th Oct. 1874.	1·89	Godda and Deoghur returns not received. Rajmehal rainfall 2·4. Prospects of all crop are excellent everywhere. Large quantites of Kartick rice in ear and flower. Fields full of water. Late rice flourishing. Weather warm; more rain likely.
ORISSA.			
ORISSA DIVISION. 36	Cuttack, 12th* Oct. 1874	2·79	Rainfall at Jajpore 8 inches. Weather clear, with occasional violent storms. Beali rice being reaped. Sarud rice growing well. Health good.
37	Pooree, 8th „ „	·15	Cloudy and hot. The early rice crop has been nearly half reaped, with an outturn of three-fourths of an ordinary average crop, and the other half is ripening on the unflooded parts of the district; and the crop on the inundated places has been lost, and has been succeeded by cultivation of pulses. The laghu or the first late rice crop is coming into ear, and the sarud or the second late and main rice crop is being weeded and also transplanted in the inundated places. The transplanted plants, as well as those saved from the floods, are being destroyed by caterpillars, which are cutting off the shoots. The crop on the unflooded parts is doing well, and is expected to yield three-fourths of an ordinary average crop. Pulses are being sown, and the present weather is favorable to their cultivation. More rain is shortly expected and required. Prices are stationary.
38	Balasore, 9th „ „	4·33	The weather is showery, with intervals of strong sun. Rain has fallen during few days of the week. The fall at Bhuddruck has been 2·6. Prospects are highly favorable, and even a very moderate rainfall during the remainder of the month will secure the safety of the crop. The crop newly transplanted in low inundated lands is doing well.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
39	Hazareebagh, 9th Oct. 1874.	4·16	The apparently settled weather of the week before changed entirely, and exceedingly heavy rain has fallen Rain is no longer required, but no damage, to speak of, has as yet been occasioned by it. Fine weather now would still ensure a bumper crop.

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CHOTA NAGPORE.—(*Contd.*)			
	South-West Frontier Agency.—(*Contd.*)		
40	Lohardugga, 10th Oct. 1874.	4·44	Wet and stormy. The prospects of the late rice crop are all that could be desired, and the crop may now be considered safe. Ploughing for the cold weather crops is now going on. In Palamow, the cotton has been somewhat injured by the late heavy rain. General health, fair.
41	Singbhoom, 9th Oct. 1874.	1·95	Alternately sunshine and cloudy throughout the week. The condition of the crops is excellent; but fair weather is now required, as there has been as much rain as was needed. Fever very prevalent. In other respects the condition of the people is good.
42	Manbhoom, 11th Oct. 1874.	1·32	Favourable weather. The weather during the last week has been all that could be desired, and it now may be stated that the main crop of rice is safe. Rain would still do good; but if there is no more, still the crop will be a good average one. In Govindpore Sub-division the crops will be a full one; all other crops on the ground are also doing well.

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Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 17th October 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 19th* Oct. 1874	4·48	Rainfall at Raneegunge 1·47, at Cutwa 4·80, at Culna 3·34 inches. A cyclone passed over the district from south to north on the night of the 15th, causing some loss of life and great destruction of property; the area of the greatest intensity of the storm crossed the Railway line between Mymaree on the east and Mancoor on the west. The Raneegunge and Culna Sub-divisions lying beyond the limits of the storm's path escaped damages, but the greater part of the Sudder, Bood-Bood, Jehanabad, and Cutwa Sub-divisions have suffered greatly The number of deaths reported up to date is 24. The town of Burdwan and Sub-divisional stations of Jehanabad, Bood-Bood, and Cutwa have been much damaged, and the Police station-houses at Khundghose, Montessur, Shahebgunge, Roynah, and Indoss destroyed. It is feared that a great deal of the paddy in low lands will be drowned; some of the Government grain golas have been unroofed. The extent of damage done has not yet been fully ascertained.
2	Bankoora, 17th „ „	1·75	A good shower fell on the 15th as well as on the 16th October. The rest of the week was dry. The prospects of the crop continue favorable. The strong gale of the 15th and 16th has to a certain extent done injury to the standing crops.
3	Beerbhoom, 17th „ „	4·84	Clear during the greater part of the week; strong gale and heavy rain on Friday. State and prospects of crops continue good. Prices falling.
4	Midnapore, 17th „ „	10·62	Generally favorable up to Thursday afternoon, when a cyclone passed over the station, far surpassing that of 1864 in violence; the whole station is a wreck. It would appear that the cyclone came up from the south-east and passed a very little east of the station. No news of Hidglee. The crops will probably not suffer much. The late rice will be even better than before, unless the sea has been down over any large tract of country. The cold-weather crops will also benefit; only the Kartick rice, or rice intermediate between aous and amun, will suffer much; jute, hemp, mulberry, and sugarcane will, however, suffer.
5	Hooghly, 17th „ „	4·26	Weather clear and cloudy alternately. Smart storm from north-east on Thursday night, when 4·12 inches of rain was registered. Since then clear and sunny. Wind north-east. The rain will benefit the growing crops and the cold-weather crops. The aous, or early rice, has yielded an eight-anna crop on the average
	Howrah	.....	Return not received.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVISION. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 19th† Oct. 1874.	5·71	Hot during the early part of the week. A gale, accompanied by heavy rain, blew on the 15th; since then the weather has been cooler. The aous or early rice has now been completely harvested. The rain on the 15th has done great good to the late rice, the prospects of which are now very good throughout the district. The storm of the 15th did trifling damage to plantains and sugarcane. Fever abating.
7	Nuddea, 17th Oct. 1874	2·24	Somewhat unsettled in the earlier part of the week; a gale, veering from east to south, and then to west, came on on Thursday evening, and lasted till Friday afternoon. The storm has injured trees and high crops, but the rain which accompanied it has probably done good. Prices still remain high.
8	Jessore, 17th „ „	1·74	Somewhat variable. Hot and dry in the beginning of the week. Thursday and Friday were boisterous; a storm with heavy showers. Saturday dry, but cloudy. The prospects of the amun, or late rice, continue promising. Pulses and other winter crops are being sown, and the October sowings of indigo are in progress.
RAJSHAHYE DIVN. 9	Moorshedabad, 18th Oct. 1874.	7·31	At the commencement of the week somewhat hot, but seasonable. During Friday, heavy gale or cyclone, with very heavy rain, blew from east to north-west. Rice crop not injured by rain and wind so far as known, but owing to interruption of communication, reports have not been received from many parts. The high til (oilseed) and mulberry crops will probably be injured. Late transplanted rice will be much benefited. Prices slightly lower.
10	Dinagepore, 16th Oct. 1874.	Nil	Fine bright sunshine. The prospects of the haimunti, or late rice, still continue good.
11	Maldah, 17th Oct. 1874	3·09	The first four days of the week were hot and sunny; there was a change in the weather from Wednesday night; clouds collected all around. The Barometer suddenly fell down to 29·250, and all Thursday and Friday were cloudy, stormy, and rainy. The weather cleared from Saturday morning. The prospects of the late rice crop continue very good. Kalai (pulse) and sarisa (mustard) sowings going on. Rice is a little cheaper.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)				
		Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
Rajshahye Divs.	12	Rajshahye	.....	Return not received.
	13	Rungpore, 16th Aug. 1874	·22	Weather becoming cooler. Rain has fallen on the night of the 15th and on the 16th. Report on rice crop favorable. Winter rice progressing well everywhere. Outturn of jute good. Ploughing very extensively going on for cold-weather crops.
	14	Bogra	... ..	Return not received.
	15	Pubna ...	... ..	Return not received.
Cooch Behar Divs.	16	Darjeeling... ...	.....	Return not received.
	17	Julpigoree, 16th Aug. 1874.	0·03	Very fine hot weather and clear sunshine, except the last day, which is very cloudy and slightly rainy. Prospects of crops most excellent.
		Cooch Behar, 15th Aug. 1874.	0·32	Fine weather, a little cloudy towards the close of the week. No change since the last week. Prospects continue favorable.
		Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division.	18	Dacca, 19th* Oct. 1874	1·84	Sunshine and rain. State of crops good Rivers falling.
	19	Furreedpore, 17th „ „	1·10	During the first part of the week the weather was bright and sunny. On Wednesday afternoon the sky was overcast with clouds, and on Thursday and Friday very squally, accompanied by rain, generally showery, but at intervals very heavy. On Saturday the weather again cleared up. State of crops continue promising. The rivers continue to fall steadily.
	20	Backergunge, 15th Oct. 1874.	0·56	Still rainy and also cool. State and prospects of crops very good.
	21	Mymensingh, 16th Oct. 1874.	0·56	Chiefly fine and very hot, but in the east of the district the rainfall has exceeded 5 inches. Rice crops most favorable, but the kalai (pulse) and sursoo (mustard) which have just been sown, are likely to suffer from a continuance of heavy showers.
Chittagong Divs.	22	Chittagong, 15th Oct. 1874.	1·30	Heavy rain on the 8th. Remainder of the week fine and hot, but on the 15th the weather looked threatening. Prospects of crops continue good. The earlier amun is beginning to come into ear.
	23	Noakholly, 15th Oct. 1874	2·13	The first part of the week was rainy and cool; the second part clear and hot. The amun or late rice, and the rice crops which ripen between aous or early, and amun or late rice are in general doing well; but more rain is wanted, and some damage has been done by insects in Hatea and Sundeep.
	24	Tipperah, 16th „ „	·37	Rather hot and still; slight rain fell throughout nearly the whole district. In the nine thanas of the Sudder Sub-division the prospects of the amun are reported on as favorable. No report from Brahmunberiah Sub-division.
	25	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 13th Oct. 1874.	5·57	Cool and pleasant in the morning, hot at noon. The harvesting of the paddy crop is nearly over. Cotton plants are thriving well. Prospects good.
		Hill Tipperah, 16th Oct. 1874.	2·41	Rather hot; somewhat cloudy. There was little rain with thunder and lightning on the 12th and 14th. Paddy in good condition.
BEHAR.				
Patna Divs.	26	Patna, 19th* Oct. 1874	Nil	No change since last report. The crops are reported on most favorable from all parts of the district. And the health of the district is also good.
	27	Gya, 17th „ „	Nil	Fine weather. The prospects of the crops continue good. The lands are being prepared for the cold-weather sowings.
	28	Shahabad, 17th „ „	Nil	The weather has been somewhat changeable during the past week, clouds flying about; but pretty settled at the time of report. Preparations for the sowings of cold-weather crops are going on fast. The rice crops look well.
	29	Tirhoot, 17th „ „	Nil	Hot and cloudy. The prospect of the paddy-crop in Mudhoobunnee Sub-division continue excellent, and in Durbhunga Sub-division prospect of rice crops good. There is no material change in the prospect of crops of the Sudder Sub-division; the price of food-grain shows a tendency to fall. Another heavy downpour in "Sowateah Nachatre" will secure an excellent crop. The floods of Bagmati and Little Gunduk have subsided In the Tajpore Sub-division paddy much benefited near Dulsing Serai, and state of people improved. Prices falling. Some fields of rahur, urid and kurthi (pulses) damaged. At Mahuddinnagore all crops improved. The prospects of crops in the rest of the Sub-divisions continue good.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)				
Patna Divn.	30	Sarun, 17th Oct. 1874	Nil	Weather fine, mornings and evenings getting cool; both east and west wind. The bhadoi, or early crops, are coming into the markets more generally. The standing rice crops are doing well; fields are being prepared for the cold weather sowings; sowings have commenced in thanas Chuprah, Pursa, and Degwarah in the Sudder Sub-division, and Durrowlee and Burrowlee in the Sewan Sub-division. Prices of common rice, Indian-corn, jowar, and cheena show a downward tendency.
	31	Chumparun, 16th „ „	Nil	At first clear and cool—latterly very hot and damp, with clouds. The crops generally are excellent, and the deficient crops in the south-east have retrieved themselves as far as possible. The rubbee sowings in about 5,000 acres have been destroyed by floods, but most can be resown with better prospects than they had before.
Bhagulpore Divn.	32	Monghyr, 17th „ „	Nil	Fair weather. No change since last week. The rice prospects appear excellent.
	33	Bhagulpore, 19th* „ „	·11	Westerly wind and cold weather setting in fast. Aughanee or late rice prospects magnificent. Health very good.
	34	Purneah, 17th „ „	0·03	Cool with high wind. State and prospects of the crops are prosperous.
	35	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 17th Oct. 1874.	1·75	Half a gale on Friday, with driving rain; no harm done as far as ascertained. Blowing for about 12 hours from a point east-of-north. Sub-division returns not received. Crops excellent everywhere.
ORISSA.				
Orissa Division.	36	Cuttack, 19th* Oct. 1874	2·4	Weather unsettled; looks like break up of rains. Crops in splendid condition. Public health good.
	37	Pooree, 14th „ „	·68	Cloudy and cool. The early rice crop has been reaped with a fair outturn, and is also partly ripening. Late rice crops are coming into ear and being weeded. Damage to the crops by caterpillars continues, though it is not so bad as heretofore. The crops on the unflooded tracts are doing well and promise an ordinary average. Pulses being sown. Rain is shortly expected and required. Prices stationary.
	38	Balasore, 16th „ „	2·20	The sky looked occasionally cloudy. The weather was rather hot. There were four showers in the week. The prospect of the paddy crop was very favorable and promising up to 11 P.M. of the 14th, but a kind of high gale, attended with rain, blew from the north-west from midnight up to 11 P.M. of the 15th, causing damage to a certain extent to, and prostrating the paddy plants which flowered, as well as those which were luxuriant. The Beali rice harvest is nearly gathered, and rubbee or cold-weather crops are being sown in some places; and owing to heavy showers some lands could not be ploughed and prepared for reception of rubbee crop seeds.
CHOTA NAGPORE.				
		South-West Frontier Agency.		
	39	Hazareebagh, 16th Oct. 1874.	0·60	In general fine, but unsettled, and heavy showers in scattered places. The crops are most excellent, but the weather is at present unfavorable for the ripening of the crops which require no further rain. The cold-weather crops are in the ground in many places, and well above ground. This rain will prove beneficial to them.
	40	Lohardugga, 17th Oct. 1874.	0·49	Seasonable. The weather looks clear. The prospects of the late rice crop continue to be all that could be desired. In the Palamow Sub-division, a very large area of rubbee crop lands has come under plough. Fever very prevalent, but general health otherwise good.
	41	Singbhoom, 16th Oct. 1874.	0·61	Bright and clear the first part of the week, cloudy since 15th. Crops looking superb. Condition of the people satisfactory, but a good deal of fever about.
	42	Manbhoom, 17th Oct. 1874.	0·86	Cloudy during the greater part of the week, with rain on the 15th and 16th. In the last report it was stated "that rain would still do good" Three-fourths of an inch fell on the 15th and much good has been done, and although the high wind which followed the rain may have done a little injury to grain that is nearly ripe, the rain has greatly benefited the crops of rice on high ground, where it was really needed. There is every prospect of a good average crop.

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BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 26th* Oct. 1874	Nil	No rain. The late aous or early rice, and early amun or late rice (kirtick sali), which both were nearly ripe, have been considerably damaged, the ears having been blown out by the storm of the 15th, and some of the very backward amun, especially on the low lands south of the Koowoor river and in parts of Cutwa, has been entirely swamped; but the amun crop generally has benefited from the heavy rains, and looks much stronger and more flourishing than it did a fortnight back. The sugarcane has been blown down and injured. Almost everywhere complaints are made that kalai (pulse) and other seeds of the cold weather crops have been wetted and spoilt. If the cold weather crops be sown in time, there is every probability that the crop will be a good one, as the soil is now so moist. Total number of deaths reported up to date, 38. Fever is said to be increasing since the storm.
2	Bankoora, 24th „ „	Nil	Dry, but cloudy during the last few days. Except to the *nuan*, or rice crop intermediate between the aous or early and *amun* or late rice, little or no damage was done to the crops, which are generally flourishing. The ground is being ploughed for the winter crops.
3	Beerbhoom, 24th „ „	Nil	Weather clear and bright. State and prospects of crops continue good. Prices steady.
4	Midnapore, 24th „ „	Nil	Fine and cloudless. As before reported, advanced rice somewhat injured. Late rice doing well, except where inundated. Mulberry much damaged. Indigo somewhat.
5	Hooghly, 24th „ „	·14	Weather clear; wind chiefly from north-east and north. An eight-anna amun or late rice crop may be expected except in two thanas. Prospect of cold weather crops fair.
	Howrah, 24th „ „	0·18	Fair till 23rd, when there was some rain. Prospects of crops very good. The late storm only took effect in Khanakool; but heavy rain was general throughout the district, and has been most useful. At Khanakool the police station was blown down and some of the houses also, and four or five persons were thus killed. The crops, however, were not advanced enough to be injured by the storm. The winter rice crop may now be considered safe.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVN. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 27th† Oct. 1874.	1·57	Warm and sunny during the first five days, and rainy on last two days. The prospects of the late rice crop continue to be favorably reported on. In some places cold weather crops have been sown, and in others lands are being prepared. Fever abating in Satkhira.
7	Nuddea, 24th Oct. 1874	Nil.	There has been slight rain in some parts. The weather has been warm during the week. The storm did less damage than was generally expected. Even urhur pulse has not suffered very greatly. The prospects of the amun or late rice are on the average fair, and so far everything is most favorable for the cold weather crops, some of which are now germinating.
8	Jessore, 24th „ „	1·11	The weather was generally clear. A heavy shower fell on the 22nd. Wind variable. The prospects of the amun or late rice and cold weather crops continue favorable.
RAJSHAHYE DIVN. 9	Moorshedabad, 24th Oct. 1874.	·21	Cool and dry; a fair shower on the morning of the 24th. The damage done by the cyclone of the 16th is slight. The wind caused some injury of no serious extent to the more advanced late rice crops by blowing out the ears prematurely, and some of the low lying crops have suffered from prolonged submersion. The abundant fall of rain will, on the other hand, prove most beneficial to the other crops, especially those transplanted late. Cold weather crops are being sown. Prices somewhat lower.
10	Dinagepore, 23rd Oct. 1874.	2·8	There was a good full of rain in the station last Saturday, which was general throughout the district. The hymanti dhan or late rice has begun flowering in some places. The prospects of the crop have been improved by the late rain. Preparation for sowing cold weather crops being pushed on.
11	Maldah, 24th Oct. 1874	Nil	Weather fair, with occasional clouds threatening rain. The prospects of the winter or late rice crops continue very good. The sowings for the cold weather crops are going on.
12	Rajshahye, 24th „ „	Nil	There was a violent storm and heavy rain throughout the district on the 16th October. The storm of the 16th has done some slight injury to the late rice and other crops, such as teel (oil-seed), urhur (pulse); but the prospects generally are good. Kalai (pulse) is thriving. Lands are still being ploughed for the cold weather crops, and in some places they are being sown. Cholera or choleraic diarrhœa has broken out in Nattore Sub-division, chiefly in the town.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
Rajshahye Divn. 13	Rungpore, 23rd Oct. 1874	8·64	A slight cyclone blow at Kallygunge on the night of the 16th. Since then the weather has been warm and fine. Prospects of all crops excellent. The rain has done much good to the growing rice.
Rajshahye Divn. 14	Bogra, 24th „ „	Nil	Late rice crop is excellent. Sugarcane is looking well. Health fair.
Rajshahye Divn. 15	Pubna, 24th „ „	11.	Mornings cooler; days hot. Prospects very favorable. Some fever and much cholera.
Cooch Behar Divn. 16	Darjeeling, 23rd „ „	Nil.	Bright, clear weather throughout the week. In the hills the early crops have been gathered in; the later crops of maize, wheat, and barley, also murwa (millet), are progressing. In the plains everything is doing well. A full harvest is anticipated. The hymanti dhan or winter rice crop and the kallai (pulse) are reported to be particularly fine.
Cooch Behar Divn. 17	Julpigoree, 23rd Oct. 1874.	0·60	Very fine weather; heavy dews at nights, which are getting cold. Prospects of crops most prosperous. Ploughing going on apace for the potatoe crop.
	Cooch Behar, 22nd Oct. 1874.	4·01	Rain on 16th and 17th. Afterwards fine. Prospects very good.
	Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division. 18	Dacca, 26th* Oct. 1874	0·51	Weather cloudy and showery. Crops good.
Dacca Division. 19	Furreedpore, 24th „ „	Nil	Weather generally clear during the week, but cloudy on the afternoon of 24th, with a light north-west wind at intervals. State of crops continues good. The rivers are daily falling.
Dacca Division. 20	Backergunge, 22nd Oct. 1874.	1·80	Cool and fair, with little rain. State and prospects of crops good.
Dacca Division. 21	Mymensingh, 23rd Oct. 1874.	0·90	Mornings up to 8 A. M. cool and pleasant. Days hot. State and prospects of crops most favorable: all that could be desired.
Chittagong Divn. 22	Chittagong, 22nd Oct. 1874.	·30	Fine and hot. No change to report from last week. Prospects continue favorable, and land is being broken up for cold weather crops.
Chittagong Divn. 23	Noakholly, 22nd Oct. 1874	0·91	The weather has been clear, with occasional showers of rain. There was a strong gale about noon of the 15th. General accounts of the crops are good; but insects have done some damage in the islands, and more rain is everywhere wanted.
Chittagong Divn. 24	Tipperah, 23rd Oct. 1874.	·28	Weather cool for first part of week, then close and hot, threatening storm, only slight rain. In the sub-division of Brahmunberiah the prospects of the late rice crop are reported as "cheering;" rainfall ·64. In the Sudder the prospects of the late rice are good, but no reports received from some of the outlying stations.
Chittagong Divn. 25	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 20th Oct. 1874.	0·24	Foggy, but cool and pleasant mornings, with dry hot noon throughout the week. The harvesting of the paddy crops in the jooms is nearly completed. More rain would be beneficial to the plough cultivators. The cotton is thriving well; the pods have formed. Hillmen are engaged in preparing fields for mustard.
Chittagong Divn.	Hill Tipperah	.....	Return not received.
BEHAR.			
Patna Divn. 26	Patna, 26th* Oct. 1874	Nil	No difference since last report. Crops flourishing everywhere. Health good.
Patna Divn. 27	Gya, 24th „ „	Nil.	Fine weather, a little cloudy towards the close of the week. Prospects of the rice crop excellent. The rubbee or cold weather crop sowings have commenced. Health good.
Patna Divn. 28	Shahabad, 24th „ „	Nil	Fair weather. Cool in the mornings and evenings. Prospects of the rice crops are good. Rubbee or cold weather crops being sown.
Patna Divn. 29	Tirhoot, 24th „ „	Nil	Clear weather. In the Tajpore Sub-division prospects of all crops are very promising. Tobacco sown, and rubbee being sown; in some fields beginning to germinate. In Seetamurhee prospect of crops favorable. In the Durbhunga, Mudhoobunnee, and Hajeepore Sub-divisions the prospects of the paddy crop continue excellent, and rubbee sowings have commenced. In the Sudder Sub-division the prospects of crops excellent. Rubbee sowings commenced; price of food-grain gradually falling A heavy rain is still required to ensure a very good paddy crop. Public health good.
Patna Divn. 30	Sarun, 24th „ „	Nil	Weather fine. Mornings and evenings getting cool; both east and west wind. Sugarcane and ruhur (pulse) promising. Standing rice crops doing well. Rubbee or cold weather sowings going on. The early sowings have come up well. Lands are being prepared for indigo. Prices (rice common excepted) steady.
Patna Divn. 31	Chumparun, 23rd „ „	Nil	Clear and bright. Heavy dews and mists in the morning. Getting cool. All crops and harvests progressing most favorably.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
Bhagulpore Divn. 32	Monghyr, 24th Oct. 1874	Nil	Weather fair. No change since last week. The prospects of the crops are excellent.
Bhagulpore Divn. 33	Bhagulpore, 26th* „ „	Nil	Rain not wanted. Aghani or late rice crops splendid throughout the district Health very good, but fever reported from Mudehpoorah Sub-division.
Bhagulpore Divn. 34	Purneah, 24th „ „	Nil	Cloudy and warm. Crops excellent.
Bhagulpore Divn. 35	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 24th Oct. 1874.	0·96	Heavy rain in Doomka on Friday night; clouds cleared off on Saturday. Rajmehal, 1·2. Weather hotter than this time last year in spite of all the rain. Crops look excellent everywhere. Some talk about the late rain injuring paddy in flower. But the kartick paddy is well out of flower, and the aghani or late rice not nearly in flower yet. It is believed that the rain did good. Reports excellent all round.
ORISSA.			
Orissa Division. 36	Cuttack, 26th* Oct. 1874	Nil	Weather cold and cloudy. A fair average crop of rice is now certain. Spring crops being sown. Health good.
Orissa Division. 37	Pooree, 22nd „ „	Nil	Partially cloudy and bright; days hot and nights cool. The early rice crop is being reaped with a fair outturn. The late rice crops are coming into ear and being weeded. The prospects of the crops are fair. Pulses are being sown. Rain is shortly expected and required. Prices stationary.
Orissa Division. 38	Balasore, 23rd „ „	·30	The weather has been extremely fine throughout the week. The district was caught in the skirts of the storm of the 15th instant, and the two northernmost *thanas* have suffered. As far as the crops are concerned, the only injury done has been to the particular species of rice, which were in flower at the time, and which are limited in quantity, together with a little sugarcane and pulses. The main rice crop is uninjured. Some thirty lives, however, are reported to have been lost by the fall of walls and roofs. There has also been considerable loss of cattle, the extent of which has not yet been ascertained. Enquiries are being actively prosecuted. No damage whatever was done in Balasore town, and to the south the storm was hardly felt.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
39	Hazareebagh, 23rd Oct. 1874.	Nil	Crops approaching maturity with every favorable prospect. Clouds are, however, hanging about. The cold weather crops are very promising.
40	Lohardugga, 24th Oct. 1874.	Nil	Clouds still hanging about. The prospects of the late rice crops continue excellent, and all the oil crops promise well. The weather too has been very favorable for the rubbee or cold weather crops. Fever less prevalent. General health fair.
41	Singbhoom, 23rd Oct. 1874.	0·13	Bright and hot during the whole week, with heavy dew at night. Crops everywhere in excellent condition, and now being cut in parts of the district. The yield of such crops as have already been cut has been exceedingly good. Condition of the people satisfactory, except that there is a great deal of fever about in the district.
42	Manbhoom, 24th Oct. 1874.	Nil	Weather favorable. There has been no rain during the last week, and none is now required; the rice crops all promise well, and the early kinds on the high lands are now being cut and will produce about a 12-anna crop. Those on the lower lands will produce somewhat more. All the rubbee or cold weather crops are doing very well indeed. The cyclone of the 16th just touched the south-east corner of the district, and it is reported that some damage has been done to the early transplanted rice, which was nearly ripe. Health good. Condition of people satisfactory.

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 24th October 1874.

Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 24th October 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 26th* Oct. 1874	Nil	No rain. The late aous or early rice, and early amun or late rice (kirtick sali), which both were nearly ripe, have been considerably damaged, the ears having been blown out by the storm of the 15th, and some of the very backward amun, especially on the low lands south of the Koowoor river and in parts of Cutwa, has been entirely swamped; but the amun crop generally has benefited from the heavy rains, and looks much stronger and more flourishing than it did a fortnight back. The sugarcane has been blown down and injured. Almost everywhere complaints are made that kalai (pulse) and other seeds of the cold weather crops have been wetted and spoilt. If the cold weather crops be sown in time, there is every probability that the crop will be a good one, as the soil is now so moist. Total number of deaths reported up to date, 38. Fever is said to be increasing since the storm.
2	Bankoora, 24th „ „	Nil	Dry, but cloudy during the last few days. Except to the *nuan*, or rice crop intermediate between the aous or early and *amun* or late rice, little or no damage was done to the crops, which are generally flourishing. The ground is being ploughed for the winter crops.
3	Beerbhoom, 24th „ „	Nil	Weather clear and bright. State and prospects of crops continue good. Prices steady.
4	Midnapore, 24th „ „	Nil	Fine and cloudless. As before reported, advanced rice somewhat injured. Late rice doing well, except where inundated. Mulberry much damaged. Indigo somewhat.
5	Hooghly, 24th „ „	·14	Weather clear; wind chiefly from north-east and north. An eight-anna amun or late rice crop may be expected except in two thanas. Prospect of cold weather crops fair.
	Howrah, 24th „ „	0·18	Fair till 23rd, when there was some rain. Prospects of crops very good. The late storm only took effect in Khanakool; but heavy rain was general throughout the district, and has been most useful. At Khanakool the police station was blown down and some of the houses also, and four or five persons were thus killed. The crops, however, were not advanced enough to be injured by the storm. The winter rice crop may now be considered safe.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVN. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 27th† Oct. 1874.	1·57	Warm and sunny during the first five days, and rainy on last two days. The prospects of the late rice crop continue to be favorably reported on. In some places cold weather crops have been sown, and in others lands are being prepared. Fever abating in Satkhira.
7	Nudden, 24th Oct. 1874	Nil.	There has been slight rain in some parts. The weather has been warm during the week. The storm did less damage than was generally expected. Even urhur pulse has not suffered very greatly. The prospects of the amun or late rice are on the average fair, and so far everything is most favorable for the cold weather crops, some of which are now germinating.
8	Jessore, 24th „ „	1·11	The weather was generally clear. A heavy shower fell on the 22nd. Wind variable. The prospects of the amun or late rice and cold weather crops continue favorable.
RAJSHAHYE DIVN. 9	Moorshedabad, 24th Oct. 1874.	·21	Cool and dry; a fair shower on the morning of the 24th. The damage done by the cyclone of the 16th is slight. The wind caused some injury of no serious extent to the more advanced late rice crops by blowing out the ears prematurely, and some of the low lying crops have suffered from prolonged submersion. The abundant fall of rain will, on the other hand, prove most beneficial to the other crops, especially those transplanted late. Cold weather crops are being sown. Prices somewhat lower.
10	Dinagepore, 23rd Oct. 1874.	2·8	There was a good fall of rain in the station last Saturday, which was general throughout the district. The hymanti dhan or late rice has begun flowering in some places. The prospects of the crop have been improved by the late rain. Preparation for sowing cold weather crops being pushed on.
11	Maldah, 24th Oct. 1874	Nil	Weather fair, with occasional clouds threatening rain. The prospects of the winter or late rice crops continue very good. The sowings for the cold weather crops are going on.
12	Rajshahye, 24th „ „	Nil	There was a violent storm and heavy rain throughout the district on the 16th October. The storm of the 16th has done some slight injury to the late rice and other crops, such as teel (oil-seed), urhur (pulse); but the prospects generally are good. Kalai (pulse) is thriving. Lands are still being ploughed for the cold weather crops, and in some places they are being sown. Cholera or choleraic diarrhœa has broken out in Nattore Sub-division, chiefly in the town.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
Rajshahye Divn. 13	Rungpore, 23rd Oct. 1874	8·64	A slight cyclone blew at Kallygunge on the night of the 16th. Since then the weather has been warm and fine. Prospects of all crops excellent. The rain has done much good to the growing rice.
Rajshahye Divn. 14	Bogra, 24th „ „	Nil	Late rice crop is excellent. Sugarcane is looking well. Health fair.
Rajshahye Divn. 15	Pubna, 24th „ „	i l.	Mornings cooler; days hot. Prospects very favorable. Some fever and much cholera.
Cooch Behar Divn. 16	Darjeeling, 23rd „ „	Nil.	Bright, clear weather throughout the week. In the hills the early crops have been gathered in; the later crops of maize, wheat, and barley, also murwa (millet), are progressing. In the plains everything is doing well. A full harvest is anticipated. The hymanti dhan or winter rice crop and the kallai (pulse) are reported to be particularly fine.
Cooch Behar Divn. 17	Julpigoree, 23rd Oct. 1874.	0·60	Very fine weather; heavy dews at nights, which are getting cold. Prospects of crops most prosperous. Ploughing going on apace for the potatoe crop.
Cooch Behar Divn.	Cooch Behar, 22nd Oct. 1874.	4·01	Rain on 16th and 17th. Afterwards fine. Prospects very good.
	Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division. 18	Dacca, 26th* Oct. 1874	0·51	Weather cloudy and showery. Crops good.
Dacca Division. 19	Fureedpore, 24th „ „	Nil	Weather generally clear during the week, but cloudy on the afternoon of 24th, with a light north-west wind at intervals. State of crops continues good. The rivers are daily falling.
Dacca Division. 20	Backergunge, 22nd Oct. 1874.	1·80	Cool and fair, with little rain. State and prospects of crops good.
Dacca Division. 21	Mymensingh, 23rd Oct. 1874.	0·90	Mornings up to 8 A. M. cool and pleasant. Days hot. State and prospects of crops most favorable: all that could be desired.
Chittagong Divn. 22	Chittagong, 22nd Oct. 1874.	·30	Fine and hot. No change to report from last week. Prospects continue favorable, and land is being broken up for cold weather crops.
Chittagong Divn. 23	Noakholly, 22nd Oct. 1874	0·91	The weather has been clear, with occasional showers of rain. There was a strong gale about noon of the 15th. General accounts of the crops are good; but insects have done some damage in the islands, and more rain is everywhere wanted.
Chittagong Divn. 24	Tipperah, 23rd Oct. 1874.	·28	Weather cool for first part of week, then close and hot, threatening storm, only slight rain. In the sub-division of Brahmunberiah the prospects of the late rice crop are reported as "cheering;" rainfall ·64. In the Sudder the prospects of the late rice are good, but no reports received from some of the outlying stations.
Chittagong Divn. 25	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 20th Oct. 1874.	0·24	Foggy, but cool and pleasant mornings, with dry hot noon throughout the week. The harvesting of the paddy crops in the jooms is nearly completed. More rain would be beneficial to the plough cultivators. The cotton is thriving well; the pods have formed. Hillmen are engaged in preparing fields for mustard.
Chittagong Divn.	Hill Tipperah	.....	Return not received.
BEHAR.			
Patna Divn. 26	Patna, 26th* Oct. 1874	Nil	No difference since last report. Crops flourishing everywhere. Health good.
Patna Divn. 27	Gya, 24th „ „	Nil.	Fine weather, a little cloudy towards the close of the week. Prospects of the rice crop excellent. The rubbee or cold weather crop sowings have commenced. Health good.
Patna Divn. 28	Shahabad, 24th „ „	Nil	Fair weather. Cool in the mornings and evenings. Prospects of the rice crops are good. Rubbee or cold weather crops being sown.
Patna Divn. 29	Tirhoot, 24th „ „	Nil	Clear weather. In the Tajpore Sub-division prospects of all crops are very promising. Tobacco sown, and rubbee being sown; in some fields beginning to germinate. In Seetamurhee prospect of crops favorable. In the Durbhunga, Mudhoobunnee, and Hajeepore Sub-divisions the prospects of the paddy crop continue excellent, and rubbee sowings have commenced. In the Sudder Sub-division the prospects of crops excellent. Rubbee sowings commenced; price of food-grain gradually falling. A heavy rain is still required to ensure a very good paddy crop. Public health good.
Patna Divn. 30	Sarun, 24th „ „	Nil	Weather fine. Mornings and evenings getting cool; both east and west wind. Sugarcane and ruhur (pulse) promising. Standing rice crops doing well. Rubbee or cold weather sowings going on. The early sowings have come up well. Lands are being prepared for indigo. Prices (rice common excepted) steady.
Patna Divn. 31	Chumparun, 23rd „ „	Nil	Clear and bright. Heavy dews and mists in the morning. Getting cool. All crops and harvests progressing most favorably.

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No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
Bhagulpore Divn. 32	Monghyr, 24th Oct. 1874	Nil	Weather fair. No change since last week. The prospects of the crops are excellent.
33	Bhagulpore, 26th* „ „	Nil	Rain not wanted. Aghani or late rice crops splendid throughout the district Health very good, but fever reported from Mudehpoorah Sub-division.
34	Purneah, 24th „ „	Nil	Cloudy and warm. Crops excellent.
35	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 24th Oct. 1874.	0·96	Heavy rain in Doomka on Friday night; clouds cleared off on Saturday. Rajmehal, 1·2. Weather hotter than this time last year in spite of all the rain. Crops look excellent everywhere. Some talk about the late rain injuring paddy in flower. But the kartick paddy is well out of flower, and the aghani or late rice not nearly in flower yet. It is believed that the rain did good. Reports excellent all round.
ORISSA.			
Orissa Division. 36	Cuttack, 26th* Oct. 1874	Nil	Weather cold and cloudy. A fair average crop of rice is now certain. Spring crops being sown. Health good.
37	Pooree, 22nd „ „	Nil	Partially cloudy and bright; days hot and nights cool. The early rice crop is being reaped with a fair outturn. The late rice crops are coming into ear and being weeded. The prospects of the crops are fair. Pulses are being sown. Rain is shortly expected and required. Prices stationary.
38	Balasore, 23rd „ „	·30	The weather has been extremely fine throughout the week. The district was caught in the skirts of the storm of the 15th instant, and the two northernmost *thanas* have suffered. As far as the crops are concerned, the only injury done has been to the particular species of rice, which were in flower at the time, and which are limited in quantity, together with a little sugarcane and pulses. The main rice crop is uninjured. Some thirty lives, however, are reported to have been lost by the fall of walls and roofs. There has also been considerable loss of cattle, the extent of which has not yet been ascertained. Enquiries are being actively prosecuted. No damage whatever was done in Balasore town, and to the south the storm was hardly felt.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
39	Hazareebagh, 23rd Oct. 1874.	Nil	Crops approaching maturity with every favorable prospect. Clouds are, however, hanging about. The cold weather crops are very promising.
40	Lohardugga, 24th Oct. 1874.	Nil	Clouds still hanging about. The prospects of the late rice crops continue excellent, and all the oil crops promise well. The weather too has been very favorable for the rubbee or cold weather crops. Fever less prevalent. General health fair.
41	Singbhoom, 23rd Oct. 1874.	0·13	Bright and hot during the whole week, with heavy dew at night. Crops everywhere in excellent condition, and now being cut in parts of the district. The yield of such crops as have already been cut has been exceedingly good. Condition of the people satisfactory, except that there is a great deal of fever about in the district.
42	Manbhoom, 24th Oct. 1874.	Nil	Weather favorable. There has been no rain during the last week, and none is now required; the rice crops all promise well, and the early kinds on the high lands are now being cut and will produce about a 12-anna crop. Those on the lower lands will produce somewhat more. All the rubbee or cold weather crops are doing very well indeed. The cyclone of the 16th just touched the south-east corner of the district, and it is reported that some damage has been done to the early transplanted rice, which was nearly ripe. Health good. Condition of people satisfactory.

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Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 31st October 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division. 1	Burdwan, 2nd* Nov. 1874	1·55	Rainfall at Culna 2·23, at Rancegunge 2·43, at Cutwa 2·11, at Johanabad 1·46. Prospects of crops improving. Fever on the increase.
2	Bankoora, 31st Oct. „	1·53	Rainfall during three days of the week, and it has been generally cloudy. The rain was not required, and has somewhat interfered with the cultivation of the winter crops, but to no serious extent. Paddy crop continues to flourish. Health good.
3	Beerbhoom, 31st „ „	1·90	Clouded and showery. State and prospects of crops continue good. The early November rice crops will be ready for the sickle shortly. Prices falling.
4	Midnapore, 31st „ „	1·65	Rain fell almost every day during the early part of the week; but the weather has cleared since Thursday. The recent rain has secured all the late rice that is not inundated, but unfortunately, in certain large tracts towards the south, it has added to the inundation, due to the very heavy rain which accompanied the cyclone, and they will lose their crop. Besides this, the people being unsheltered, have suffered much from the rain, and sickness has been much increased.
5	Hooghly, 31st „ „	3·08	Weather cloudy, after which clear; wind from north, south, and south-east. Rainfall at Serampore, 10·28; Chunditolla, 8·63; Kristonagore, 8·17. Prospects of the amun or late rice fair, except in two thanas. Prospect of cold weather crops good. The returns from Serampore, Chunditolla, and Kristonagore, includes the fall of the cyclone of the 15th.
	Howrah, 31st „	6·13	Rainy and fair. Nothing new to report on; favorable prospects of the crops.
	Central Districts.		
Presidency Divn. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 2nd† Nov. 1874.	5·27	Rainy and close. The recent rain has done much good to the late rice crop. It has to some extent injured the cold weather crops early sown, but there is still time to resow the lands. Fever continues in Barripore.
7	Nuddea, 31st Oct. 1874	1·23	There has been rain everywhere, but the weather is still warm; nearly 10° hotter at night than at the same time last year. The weather during the week has been very favorable to all crops, except those which had been sown only a day or two before the rains. Prices still remain high, especially in the east side of the district. In the sudder there is a slight tendency to fall.
8	Jessore, 31st „ „	3·64	Cloudy and rainy. Wind principally from the south-east. The amun or the principal rice crop continues to promise well, and has received benefit from the rainfall. The winter crops will also be benefited generally, though in some places some little injury has been caused.
Rajshahye Divn. 9	Moorshedabad, 31st Oct. 1874.	2·69	There has been a good deal of rain all over the district during the week. The prospects of late rice crops continue very favorable, and the backward crops have further improved by the rainfall of the week. Prices remain stationary. Cholera has appeared at Berhampore among the poor, who receive food from the Maharanee of Cossim Bazar, and in other parts of the district.
10	Dinagepore, 30th Oct. 1874.	9·1	Heavy rain, accompanied in some places with strong wind. The heavy rain and wind have laid some of the heavier fields of rice. The damage done, however, is very slight, while the benefit to late transplantings on high lands has been considerable. The heavy rain will interfere with the progress of cold weather crop cultivation.
11	Maldah, 31st Oct. 1874	5·98	Cloudy throughout the week; incessant rain on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The prospects of the rice crops continue very good. Kalai (pulse) and mustard have been slightly injured by the rain.
12	Rajshahye	.....	Return not received.
13	Rungpore, 30th Oct. 1874	5·16	Early part of the week fine; since Tuesday night the rain has been heavy and almost incessant. The crops are generally thriving. Damage has been done to the rice in flower by the heavy rain, and a great deal will be flooded by the rain that has been continually falling for three days.
14	Bogra	.....	Return not received.
15	Pubna, 31st Oct. 1874	0·60	Slight rainfall on the 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th October; and a heavy shower fell on the night of the 30th. The harvesting of *hymanti dhan* is commenced, and kalai, matore, and khesaree (pulses) and rai (oil-seed), are being sown. Some cases of cholera reported from Pubna police station.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
Cooch Behar Divn. 16	Darjeeling, 30th Oct. 1874.	16·48	The rains from 28th to 30th were very heavy; the remaining days of the week were bright and sunny. The heavy rains of the last three days have done considerable damage to the maize and rice crops in the hills. The reports of the Terai previous to the 29th October show that the crops are progressing favorably, but no reports have been received after the rains of the 29th.
Cooch Behar Divn. 17	Julpigoree, 30th Oct. 1874.	7·50	Rainy. Rain is supposed to have injured the crops slightly, but effects of rain doubtful as yet.
	Cooch Behar, 29th Oct. 1874.	0·85	Drizzling rain on 28th and 29th October, previously fine. Jute has been nearly an average crop. Generally speaking the prospects of the late rice crop are extremely good.
	Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division. 18	Dacca, 2nd* Nov. 1874	0·34	Weather cool, with showers. Crops very favorable.
Dacca Division. 19	Fureedpore, 30th Oct. 1874.	1·01	The weather from Sunday afternoon to Friday night was cloudy and gusty from the south-east. Frequent showers of rain fell; some of them heavy. It has cleared up on the 30th, and fine weather appears to have set in again. The late weather is quite unprecedented for so late a period in the season, but it has nowhere done any injury to the rice crops, the state of which is excellent. Reaping of the advanced late rice has begun in several places throughout the district. Pulses in some parts are said to have slightly suffered from the wet weather, but the damage has nowhere been serious The price of common rice at all the marts continues the same as last week. Malarious fever, which breaks out every year at the end of the rains, is now prevalent all over the district, and several fatal cases have occurred.
Dacca Division. 20	Backergunge, 29th Oct. 1874.	0·64	Rainy and cool. The heavy rain of the last few days has still further improved the prospects of the crops.
Dacca Division. 21	Mymensingh, 30th Oct. 1874.	1·13	Frequent slight showers; weather generally cloudy. The rubbee or cold weather crops which are in the ground are likely to suffer from the rain. Prospects of late rice crop, good throughout the district.
Chittagong Divn. 22	Chittagong, 29th Oct. 1874.	2·54	Cloudy and windy, with heavy rain on the 25th and 26th; since then fine: the mornings and evenings being decidedly cooler. The rough weather on Sunday and Monday has laid the paddy in some places. *Khoa aous* (early rice) is being cut in the south of the district.
Chittagong Divn. 23	Noakholly, 29th Oct. 1874	4·86	Weather unusually rainy and warm for the season. The late rice is in general progressing favorably, though slight damage has been done in some places by insects.
Chittagong Divn. 24	Tipperah, 30th „ „	2·53	Rainfall at Brahmanberiah 1·23. Weather rainy and tolerably good. The prospects of the late rice crop are everywhere reported on as good.
Chittagong Divn. 25	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 27th Oct. 1874.	2·48	Dry and hot in the beginning of the week. Steady rain all Monday last. Harvesting of the joom paddy crop almost concluded. The late fall of rain has done much good to plough cultivation. The cotton is doing well. Mustard lands are being prepared.
Chittagong Divn.	Hill Tipperah, 31st Oct. 1874.	2·34	First part of the week, little rain; in the latter part, there was heavy rain. There was a severe thunderstorm on the 25th October. Paddy in good condition.
BEHAR.			
Patna Divn. 26	Patna „	.....	Return not received.
Patna Divn. 27	Gya, 31st Oct. 1874	1·59	Cloudy till the 30th, when it cleared up; there was a good fall of rain on the 28th and 29th October. The prospects of the crops continue most favorable. The aghani or late rice crop is splendid throughout the district. The sowing of the rubbee or cold weather crop is being actively carried on. The rubbee will be benefited by the late rain.
Patna Divn. 28	Shahabad, 31st „ „	1·19	Heavy rain from the 27th to 29th, with strong east wind; sunny and bright since then. The recent rain, it is feared, has caused slight damage in places to the rubbee or cold weather sowing, which has not as yet germinated. It is not too late to sow again; such lands as have not yet been sown will have benefited by the rain. The rice crop continues good.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)				
Patna Div.—(*Contd.*)	29	Tirhoot, 30th Oct. 1874	3·49	Cloudy and drizzling. In the Mudhoobunnee Sub-division the prospects of the paddy crop continue excellent; rubbee or cold weather sowings going on in every part of the sub-division. Rahur (pulse) doing well. In the Durbhunga Sub-division the crops are looking very well. The rain, which has fallen during the last two days, and is still falling, will not benefit the rice, but will be good for the rubbee. In Hajeepore Sub-division the prospects of the paddy are very favorable owing to the late rains; the rains will also materially help the rubbee sowings. Rainfall during the week is 1·26. In Seetamurhee Sub-division the late rains have been injurious, the rubbee crops having been entirely swamped. Those that have come up still remain uninjured to a certain extent, but those sown lately have greatly been damaged. The rains have also been injurious to the paddy, *i.e.*, to what is in ear. About two annas are reported to have been destroyed. The rainfall during the week is 5·10, and still raining. In Sudder Sub-division the prospects of crops excellent; the late rain has done good to the rice crop; newly sown rubbee crops have suffered a little. Fine weather is now wanted. Public health good.
	30	Sarun, 31st „ „	·59	Cloudy and showery on the 28th and 29th, with occasional sunny breaks on the 30th; clouds still hanging about. East wind prevailing. The late rain, general throughout the district, has done some slight injury to the "aghani" or late rice now in ear, and the new sown "rubbee" fields, which last will have to be resown (the seeds being spoiled by rain). The winter sowings have also been retarded, but the "aghani" rice not yet in ear, and the early sown "rubbee" crops, which have already germinated, will be benefited. Prices (wheat excepted) show a downward tendency.
	31	Chumparun, 30th „ „	2·5	Very fair weather. The rubbee or cold weather crops have been very largely benefited by the rainfall this week as well as the fields; the cultivators are ploughing up for sowings.
Bhagulpore Div.	32	Monghyr, 31st Oct. 1874	4·96	Cloudy, with strong east wind. Very heavy rain during the week. The rice crops are flourishing. Rubbee or cold weather sowings retarded. Crop prospects generally favorable, but fine weather is now required.
	33	Bhagulpore, 2nd* Nov.	3·76	Rainfall at Banka 4·59, at Muddehpoora 7·10, and at Soopool 4·56. At present the weather is bright and clear. No very great damage can have been caused by the unusual and heavy rain. Some of the rice has been laid low by the wind, and may not yield as much as it promised; some of the rice just in bloom may also suffer. A full average outturn may still be expected. Sowing of wheat and other cold weather crops will be very late owing to excessive moisture. General health very good.
	34	Purneah, 31st Oct. 1874	6·27	Rain and wind. Continuous rain since Tuesday afternoon. Some damage done to the most forward crops, but no details received as yet; nothing serious apprehended.
	35	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 31st Oct. 1874.	2·86	The rain seems to have been general. Rajmehal, 4·1; Deoghur, 2·9. 30th and 31st are bright, with clouds hanging about. Opinions vary about the effect of the late very unusual rain. It will have damaged any paddy it caught in flower, and any very heavy crop it will have beaten down. In Deoghur the rain is said to be doing mischief to all crops. The best opinion in Dumka is that the damage done to rice everywhere is nearly equal to the excess the people hoped to have over a good average crop. Cholera and cattle disease are also prevalent.
ORISSA.				
Orissa Division.	36	Cuttack	.....	Return not received.
	37	Pooree, 29th Oct. 1874	8·76	Incessant and heavy rain since evening of 25th October throughout the district. The rainfall at Khoorda was 9·36 inches. The harvest of the early rice crop has been finished and the outturn has been three-fourths of an ordinary average crop. The first late rice crop or *laghoo* is flowering and ripening, and the second or *sarud* is coming into ear and being weeded. The heavy rain is likely to cause some injury to the crops. Of the pulses sown, some have been damaged by the rain. Prices are stationary.
	38	Balasore, 30th „ „	4·26	The week commenced with fine weather, succeeded by three days and nights of incessant rain. The rain has again submerged the low plains of winter rice in the north of the district, which had been laid under water by the cyclone, and it is feared that it will do more damage to the rice crop than the cyclone itself. The weather, however, is now fine again. The general prospects of the harvest are fair.

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CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
39	Hazareebagh, 30th Oct. 1874.	3·68	Continued excessive rain, but no accounts of damage have as yet reached the district officer. The cold weather crops have benefited much, but the rice requires sunshine. Bright on the 30th October.
40	Lohardugga, 31st Oct. 1874.	2·51	Very rainy and stormy during the 27th, 28th, and 29th October, but bright and clear afterwards. The prospects of the crops still continue very favorable, though probably the more advanced rice has been somewhat damaged by the late rains. The rubbee or cold weather crops in Palamow promise very well.
41	Singbhoom, 30th Oct. 1874.	1·53	The first part of the week bright, but cloudy and rainy since Monday. Again clear on the 30th October. Crops good everywhere and now being cut; yield excellent. A great deal of fever still about all over the district.
42	Manbhoom, 31st Oct. 1874.	1·62	Cloudy, with rain during the greater part of the week. Prospects of crops continue favorable. 1½ inches of rain fell during 27th and 28th October, but does not appear to have done any injury. The wind has now got to the north-west, and the sky is clear.

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 31st October 1874.

Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 7th November 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 9th* Nov. 1874	Nil	Rainfall at Culna ·63, at Cutwa ·56, at Jehanabad nil, at Raneegunge ·45, at Boodbood ·86. The continued rain is said to be delaying the sowing of the rubbee or cold weather crops. Prospects of amun, or late rice, generally good. Fever as before.
2	Bankoora, 7th „ „	Nil	Cloudy during the first four days of the week. No rain at head-quarters; more or less rain almost everywhere in the interior, on the 3rd and 4th November. Prospects of the crops continue favorable. *Noan* paddy is being reaped.
3	Beerbhoom, 7th „ „	0·25	Showery in the early part of the week; dry and cold during the latter. State and prospects of the crops continue excellent. Reaping of the early November crop in progress.
4	Midnapore, 7th „ „	1·64	Cloudy and rainy, especially in Gurbetta. Crops in Gurbetta and Midnapore fair, although the rubbee or cold weather crop has suffered a good deal from cyclone and rain. In Contai the crops are bad, having been very much damaged (it is reported). No reports from Tumlook.
5	Hooghly, 7th „ „	·38	Weather clear; wind from east and north. Rainfall at Serampore 1·0. All the main rice crop which has been planted, is doing well. Prospects of cold weather crops good everywhere.
	Howrah, 7th „ „	·50	Fair weather, but warm for the time of the year. State and prospects of the crops continue to be as favorable as before.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVN. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 10th† Nov. 1874.	0·15	Gradually becoming cooler. The prospects of the amun, or late rice crops, are excellent, except in parts of Baraset and Busseerhat. The cold weather sowings of cereals have been progressing. Fever again increasing in Barripore.
7	Nuddea, 7th Nov. 1874	0·48	A little rain everywhere. The cold weather appears now to have really begun, though the temperature is higher than usual. The weather is now very favorable for all crops. Prices still remain high. A few cases of cholera are reported.
8	Jessore, 7th „ „	·04	The wind has been mostly from the north for the last few days, and the temperature has been cooler in consequence. The prospects of the rice and cold weather crops are reported very favorable, except in Jhenidah, where the Assistant Collector says, he finds it difficult to give an accurate report. "So far as I have seen," he says, "much injury has been done by the floods, particularly near the roads. The country towards Kotechandpore and between the Kuma and the Gorai is said to promise well."
RAJSHAHYE DIVN. 9	Moorshedabad, 7th Nov. 1874.	Nil.	Cool in the mornings, but unseasonably hot during the day; very little rain during the week. The state of the crops continues good everywhere. Prices slightly better. Cholera is still prevalent.
10	Dinagepore, 6th Nov. 1874.	·5	The weather has been cloudy and rather warm for the time of the year. The prospects of the rice crop are good; it will be fit to cut in another month. Some of the mustard sown just before the late heavy rain has been spoilt. Villagers are busy preparing lands for other cold weather crops.
11	Maldah, 7th Nov. 1874	Nil	Cool and pleasant weather; the prospect of the haimanty, or late rice, is cheering throughout the district and excellent in many places. The kalai (pulse) is also generally good, though the recent rains have done some slight mischief in a few places. Cold weather crops being sown.
12	Rajshahye, 7th „ „	Nil	No rain during the week. The rice crop gives an excellent promise of more than an average outturn. The harvest in the Bhurind will commence in a few days. Of the winter crops, mustard, kalai, (pulse) and teel (oil-seed), such as were sown lately are germinating well. The earliest sowings mostly failed. Cholera still prevalent in many quarters.
13	Rungpore, 6th Nov. 1874	0·06	Weather fine. Prospects of the amun, or late rice, generally good.
14	Bogra, 7th Nov. 1874	Nil	Fair weather. No change since last report. Amun, or late rice, continues excellent.
15	Pubna, 7th Nov. 1874	1·02	Cool and dry, with a chilly wind blowing. The state of the late rice crop, which is now being harvested, is good. Pulses are being sown as the water in the *beels* gradually subsides. Cholera still prevalent.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
Cooch Behar Divn. 16	Darjeeling, 6th Nov. 1874.	0·37	Bright and sunny. In the hills, the crops are at present progressing well. In the Terai, considerable damage was done to rice and pulse crops by the heavy rains of the end of October.
Cooch Behar Divn. 17	Julpigoree, 7th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Fine clear weather. No damage to crops owing to the late rains, on the contrary they will be, if possible, finer than they promised.
Cooch Behar Divn.	Cooch Behar, 5th Nov. 1874.	4·27	Rain on first two days of the week, after which fine. Slight damage to rice crop from flood in some places, and a small quantity of tobacco plants destroyed. On the whole, the rain at the end of October has been very beneficial, and prospects are excellent.
	Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division. 18	Dacca 9th* Nov. 1874	Nil.	Seasonable weather. State of crops very favorable. Cholera pretty general.
Dacca Division. 19	Fureedpore, 7th Nov. 1874.	Nil.	Occasionally cloudy, but for the most part clear during the week. Prospects of the amun, or late rice crop, everywhere good; reaping throughout the district most active. Tapping of date trees for the manufacture of molasses and sugar begun in some parts. Pulses and other cold weather crops, such as wheat, barley, and mustard, are being sown. Hilsa fish scanty and poor owing to the spawning season. Beel and other fish have begun to supply the markets. Vegetables of the season not over-abundant, owing to protracted rains. Price of coarse rice has fallen at Madareepore, Bhanga, Gopalgunge, and Goalundo since last week, but continues the same at Fureedpore.
Dacca Division. 20	Backergunge, 5th Nov. 1874.	0·57	Seasonable weather. The present condition and the future prospects of the crops are very good. A very good amun, or late rice harvest, is expected.
Dacca Division. 21	Mymensingh, 6th Nov. 1874.	0·65	Decidedly warm for this season. Standing crops in excellent condition. The winter sowings are progressing.
Chittagong Divn. 22	Chittagong, 5th Nov. 1874.	0·38	Fine and bright weather. Insects have appeared in one Mouzah of the Puttea thana; from other quarters the reports of the crops continue favorable.
Chittagong Divn. 23	Noakholly, 5th „ „	0·6	Weather warm for the season. Rain on 2nd November. Accounts of the amun, or late rice, favorable. The earlier crops are not yet fully reaped.
Chittagong Divn. 24	Tipperah, 6th „ „	0·12	Rainfall at Bramunberiah ·65. Unusually warm for the time of the year, but not unfavorable for the crops after the slight rain which fell. The prospects of the amun, or late rice, in all parts of the district are excellent.
Chittagong Divn. 25	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 3rd Nov. 1874.	3·79	Dry and hot in the day time, cool at night. Heavy rain on the night of the 2nd November. The harvesting of the joom paddy crop is over. The outturn is said to be an average one. The heavy fall of rain of the 2nd has caused some damage to the late rice crop and to the cotton pods.
Chittagong Divn.	Hill Tipperah, 7th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Weather warm. A little foggy in the morning. Crops in good condition.
BEHAR.			
Patna Divn. 26	Patna	.....	Return not received.
Patna Divn. 27	Gya, 7th Nov. 1874	Nil	Seasonable. A bumper crop of the bhadoi, or early crops, has been harvested, and a similar outturn of aghuni, or late rice, is anticipated. The rubbee, or cold weather, crops are germinating well. Health of the district is good.
Patna Divn. 28	Shahabad, 7th „ „	Nil	Cold weather rapidly coming in; days clear and sunny; heavy dews at nights and much cooler. State and prospects of crops everywhere good. The recent rain has done less harm to the crops on the ground than was at first feared; rubbee sowings are being carried on, and the crops germinating everywhere. The late rice crop promises to yield a full outturn.
Patna Divn. 29	Tirhoot, 7th Nov. 1874	0·14	Fine weather. In the Durbhunga Sub-division, the rice crop looks well. The late continuous rain of five days has, however, done no good to the rice crop; the rubbee already sown has been injured; the second sowings having been also delayed for some days. In the Mudhoobunnee Sub-division, the prospects of the paddy crop continue most excellent. The rain has damaged the rubbee crops which had not germinated, but there is ample time for re-sowing those lands, and the splendid moisture will give splendid crops. The rain is reported to have done immense good to the other crops. In the Hajipore Sub-division, the prospects are good. In the Sudder Sub-division, there is no material change in the prospect of crops. In the Tajpore Sub-division, the state and prospects of crops are improving. Public health good.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
PATNA DIVN.—(*Contd.*) 30	Sarun, 7th Nov. 1874	Nil	Weather clear and seasonable; mornings and evenings cool; west wind prevailing. The weather has cleared; the prospects of aghani, or late rice, continue favorable. The late rice gradually ripening. Rubbee sowings going on; the early sowings have come up well; fields are being prepared for opium and indigo. Prices (rice, Indian-corn and Jowar excepted) steady.
PATNA DIVN.—(*Contd.*) 31	Chumparun, 6th „ „	1·28	Cool and clear, with heavy dews and morning fogs. About 4 inches of rain have fallen throughout the district within the last 10 days, and the cold weather has now at last set in; all autumn crops have been harvested with a 16-anna outturn for the western half, and an 11-anna outturn for the eastern half of the district. The winter crops promise a 16-anna outturn throughout the district, except in 200 square miles in the south-east, where it will be at least 10 annas. The prospects of the spring crops are as favorable as could be.
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 32	Monghyr, ...	Nil	Weather set fair. The late heavy rain is said to have caused some damage to the rice, but the Collector thinks that if any damage has been done it must be very slight, for the crops are now looking very fine all over the district. The rubbee sowings are going on wherever any land is available.
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 33	Bhagulpore, 9th* „ „	Nil	No rain. The prospects of the aghani, or late rice crop, are first rate throughout the district; but very little damage, none of any consequence, was caused by the heavy rains at the end of October. General health very good. Fever prevalent in south portion of Muddehpoora.
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 34	Purneah, 7th Nov. 1874	0·02	Clear and unseasonably hot. About a four annas in various parts of the district have been lost by the late excessive rains. Instead of a bumper crop only a good average one is expected.
BHAGULPORE DIVN. 35	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 7th Nov. 1874.	Nil	The cold weather has begun, but mildly. No rain in Rajmehal or Godda. Deoghur rainfall 1·56. Reports very good from the Sub-divisions; crops considerably better than average in the Doomka Daman. Rain has done little or no damage. A first rate outturn is now certain.
ORISSA.			
ORISSA DIVISION. 36	Cuttack, 7th „ „	2·20	Much rain in the early part of the week, but the last few days have been clear with a cold wind from the north. Beali rice harvested with a fair average outturn. Sowing of winter crops progressing favorably, and all rice crops look well, even in the lands where the crop was washed away and the land had to be resown, the crop, though backward, is promising.
ORISSA DIVISION. 37	Pooree, ...	7·16	There was almost incessant and heavy rain from 2nd up to the morning of the 3rd November, and clouds are still hanging with alternate strong sunshine and cloudiness, which betokens more rain. The first late rice, or loghoo crop, is ripening, and is being partly reaped and has been damaged by the late heavy rain. The second, or sarud rice crop, is coming into ear and flowering partly; the portion which has flowered has been injured by the rain. The pulses in flower as well as those lately sown have been damaged by the rain. The prospects of the crops are not yet very bad and may improve with a continuance of fair weather. Prices are stationary.
ORISSA DIVISION. 38	Balasore, 6th „ „	·34	Heavy, but partial showers fall daily. The rainfall at Bhudruck has been 1·22. The rain during the last and present week has been detrimental to the rice in low lands, and the newly sown cold weather crops have suffered severely in places. On the whole the harvest will doubtless be fair.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
39	Hazareebagh, 6th Nov. 1874.	·83	The weather has latterly become settled. The prospects of the rice crop continue excellent. There is no disease at present.
40	Lohardugga, 7th Nov. 1874.	·09	Cloudy and warmer than usual for the time of the year. The prospects of the late rice crop throughout the district are very good, and the rubbee or cold weather crops in Palamow also promises well. General health on the whole good.
41	Singbhoom. 6th Nov. 1874.	0·42	Cloudy during the greater portion of the week. Most unseasonable. The rain bad for the cut paddy. Crops still on the ground good and very good. Condition of the people satisfactory. Still a good deal of fever about.
42	Manbhoom, 7th Nov. 1874.	0 19	During the first part of the week, the weather was showery, but clear from the 6th instant. All crops now promise well, and, with fine weather, a good harvest will be reaped; the late rain and storm do not appear to have done much damage to the standing crops, and the loss on this account will not, it is believed, be generally felt through. From the south-east corner of the district it is reported to amount to about two annas in the early transplanted rice crop.

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Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 14th November 1874.

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BENGAL.				
		Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division.	1	Burdwan, 16th* Nov. 1874	Nil	No rain in any of the sub-divisions. Prospects of the crops still improving, but much land uncultivated, especially in thana Gangooria and Aousgram. Nowan paddy is being reaped. Fever increasing.
	2	Bankoora, 14th „ „	Nil	Dry, but generally cloudy. The state of the crops continues favorable. The *noan* or intermediate rice is being reaped. The cessation of rains has been favorable to the growth of the winter crops.
	3	Beerbhoom, 14th „ „	Nil	Dry and clear; cold weather set in. The state and prospects of the crops continue excellent; harvest progressing. Price of rice falling rapidly.
	4	Midnapore, 14th „ „	Nil	Cloudy, but as yet little rain. Prospects of the crops in Gurbetta, Tumlook, and Sudder Sub-divisions pretty good. No report from Contai, but last report shows there has been much damage and there will be a good deal of failure.
	5	Hooghly, 14th „ „	Nil	Cloudy and clear. Wind from north; rainfall at Serampore ·16, at Chanditollah ·44. Except in two thanas, the amun or late rice crop will be good. Cold weather crops are expected to be very good everywhere, owing to the lateness of the rains.
		Howrah, 14th „ „	Nil	Fair weather. No change to report in the state and prospects of the crops.
		Central Districts.		
Presidency Divn.	6	24-Pergunnahs, 16th† Nov. 1874.	Nil	Weather cool. The prospects of the amun crop continue good. Light showers fallen in parts of the district, slightly injuring the mustard crops. Fever prevailing in Baripore and Busseerhat.
	7	Nuddea, 14th Nov. 1874	Nil	The weather has been unusually warm. A little rain has fallen in parts of the district; and on the 14th the cold weather seemed to have appeared. The prospects of all crops are very good. Cholera has made its appearance in parts of Meherpore and Kooshtea.
	8	Jessore . .	.....	Return not received.
Rajshahye Divn.	9	Moorshedabad, 14th Nov. 1874.	Nil	No rain during the week. Weather cool and pleasant. The harvesting of the early crops of amun rice has begun all over the district. Cold weather crops are progressing favorably. Common rice is selling at 18 seers at Jungipore and Ramporehaut, and at 14 and 15 seers, respectively, at Lallbaugh and Berhampore. Cholera has much abated.
	10	Dinagepore, 13th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Bright and clear day with cold night. The winter crop is beginning to ripen, and will be quite up to, if not above, the average; operations with reference to cold weather crops being pushed on.
	11	Maldah, 14th Nov. 1874		Dry and cold. A full amun or late rice crop expected except in Kharba, where there has been a slight loss owing to the late floods. The *Aosina* rice is being harvested and is fair. The cold weather crops are being vigorously and extensively sown.
	12	Rajshahye, 14th „ „	Nil	Cloudy weather and sultry, without any rain. The early *amun* rice harvest has commenced in one or two places with excellent prospects of such an outturn as has not been seen for many years. The later amun is also a very good crop. The prospects of the *rubbee* or cold weather crops are not so good. The late and heavy rain has thrown back the sowings, and destroyed a good deal of what was first sown.
	13	Rungpore, 13th „ „	Nil	Weather fine. Prospects of the *amun* or late rice generally good.
	14	Bogra, 14th „ „	Nil	Unusually warm for the time of year, and occasionally cloudy. The reaping of the amun rice crop has commenced. An abundant harvest is anticipated. The cold weather crops promise well.
	15	Pubna, 14th „ „	0·13	Warm for the time of the year. Fine, cloudy at times, with north-east wind. Harvesting of *amun* or late rice going on, and the state of sugarcane, turmeric, and arhur (pulse) good. Cholera still prevalent.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts — (Contd.)		
Cooch Behar Divn. 16	Darjeeling, 13th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Bright and clear. The prospects of the crops both in the Hills and Terai are favorable.
Cooch Behar Divn. 17	Julpigoree .. .	.	Return not received.
Cooch Behar Divn.	Cooch Behar, 12th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Nights and mornings cold. Prospects of crops excellent.
	Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division. 18	Dacca 16th* Nov. 1874	·08	Seasonable weather. State of crops very favorable. Cholera not increasing.
Dacca Division. 19	Furreedpore, 14th Nov. 1874.	0·21	Weather very cloudy up to the 14th November, when it cleared up. A smart shower of rain fell on the night of Thursday. The prospects of all crops are favorable. Fever and cholera are prevalent in all parts of the district. In the town many fatal cases of both epidemics have occurred during the past week.
Dacca Division. 20	Backergunge, 12th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Upon the whole seasonable; the weather is not so cold as usual at this season of the year. The state and prospects of the crops are excellent.
Dacca Division. 21	Mymensingh, 13th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Mild and cloudy, without any rain. The *amun* or late rice is almost ready for reaping, and a good outturn is expected. But in spite of this, prices still remain high. The sowing of cold weather crops is progressing.
Chittagong Divn. 22	Chittagong, 12th Nov. 1874.	·57	Cloudy and dull. 0·33 fell on the morning of the 12th, and there is probability of more rain. The rain is retarding the sowing of the cold weather crops, and will do more harm than good to the rice. Reports continue to be very favorable, but fine weather is wanted.
Chittagong Divn. 23	Noakholly, 12th Nov. 1874	Nil	The wind was variable from 5th to 8th November; it blew from the north, and subsequently from the south-east and south. Drizzling rain on the morning of the 9th, but it did not affect the rain gauge. The 10th and 11th were cloudy, and weather gloomy. The *amun* or late rice crop is progressing favorably. The earlier crops are not yet fully reaped.
Chittagong Divn. 24	Tipperah, 13th „ „	·19	Cloudy and rather close and warm with slight drizzling showers. The prospects of the *amun* or late rice still continue good, the sowings of cold weather crops have commenced.
Chittagong Divn. 25	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 10th Nov. 1874.	·17	Foggy and cool in the morning; sun very hot during the day. Cloudy on the 9th and 10th November. The hill people are gathering *teel* (oil-seeds) and cotton in small quantities. The plough cultivations is generally doing well.
Chittagong Divn.	Hill Tipperah, 14th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Mornings cold and foggy, and occasionally cloudy during the day. Late rice crop doing well. Prices have fallen a little.
BEHAR.			
Patna Divn. 26	Patna	.....	Return not received.
Patna Divn. 27	Gya, 14th Nov. 1874	Nil	Seasonable weather. Prospects of the crops, everything that could be desired.
Patna Divn. 28	Shahabad, 14th „ „	Nil	Seasonable weather, and all that could be desired. The prospects of the *aghani* or late rice, and *rubbee* or cold weather crops, are very promising. The early ripened paddy is being cut in places.
Patna Divn. 29	Tirhoot, 14th „ „	Nil	Fair weather. In the Mudhoobunnee Sub-division the prospects of the rice crops continue excellent. The young *rubbee* or cold weather crops appear everywhere most healthy and are doing well. Sowings of this crop are going on. In the Durbhunga Sub-division the prospects of the rice crop are very good. *Rubbee* sowing still being carried on. In the Seetamurhee Sub-division the weather is fair, the prospects of crops favorable. In the Hajeepore Sub-division the prospects of rice and rubbee crops continue excellent. Public health good.
Patna Divn. 30	Sarun, 14th „ „	Nil	Weather clear and seasonable; both east and west wind. The prospects of the crops continue favorable *Aghani* or late rice is fast ripening Rubbee or cold weather crop sowings are being briskly pushed on. The early sowings have come up well. *Rahur* (pulse), sugarcane, and cotton are fair. Fields are being prepared for opium and indigo. Prices (rice and barley excepted) steady.
Patna Divn. 31	Chumparun, 13th „ „	Nil	Cold and clear weather, with very heavy dews. The only harvest in progress is that of some early winter rice, which is giving a full outturn. All prospects as good as last reported.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
Bhagulpore Divn. 32	Monghyr, 14th Nov. 1874	Nil	Weather set fair. No changes since last week. The prospects continue good.
Bhagulpore Divn. 33	Bhagulpore	.....	Return not received.
Bhagulpore Divn. 34	Purneah, 14th Nov. 1874	Nil	Getting cold in the early morning. Easterly wind. Prospects much the same as last week. The damage caused by the late rain is confined to small areas.
Bhagulpore Divn. 35	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 14th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Fine everywhere, but not very cold. All crops looking as well as possible everywhere.
ORISSA.			
Orissa Division. 36	Cuttack, 14th Nov. 1874	Nil	Clear and cold. Suradh rice beginning to ripen. Prospects fair, except in one or two isolated spots where the land could not be replanted after floods. Winter crops being sown. Public health in general good, but low fever prevalent in some places.
Orissa Division. 37	Pooree, 11th „ „	·41	Cloudy, with intervals of partial sunshine and strong northern wind. The first late rice or laghoo crop is ripening and is being partly reaped. The second or sarud crop is coming into ear and flowering partly. The portion in flower is being damaged by the strong and keen wind which has been blowing since last week. The prospects of the crops are yet hopeful, and may be improved by fair weather. The pulses are indifferent, owing to the late heavy rain. Prices are generally stationary.
Orissa Division. 38	Balasore, 13th „ „	Nil	The weather has been cool and very cloudy, with strong north wind. The main crop is coming into ear. There is every prospect of a harvest above the average.
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	South-West Frontier Agency.		
39	Hazareebagh, 13th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Weather seasonable. Very cold morning and evening. The rice harvest is being gathered and reports from every quarter are most favorable. The cold weather crops are well forward.
40	Lohardugga, 14th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Clear sky and lovely weather, cold and seasonable. The prospects of the late rice crop generally are very good, and the rubbee or cold weather crops in Palamow also promise well. General health fair.
41	Singbhoom, 13th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Fair and sunny during the whole week. Nothing to add to former report. Everything exceedingly favorable. People busy all over the district, harvesting their paddy. Outturn excellent. Condition of the people good. Fever diminishing.
42	Manbhoom, 14th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Fine and seasonable. The crops on the high lands are now being reaped. The prospects of the harvest continue the same as shown in the last report.

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 14th November 1874.

Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 21st November 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division. 1	Burdwan, 23rd* Nov. 1874	Nil	No rain in the sub-divisions. Prospects of crops fair; price of rice falling. Charitable relief operations nearly concluded. Fever as before.
2	Bankoora, 21st „ „	Nil	Dry and fine weather. Prospects of crops same as before. *Noan*, or intermediate rice, is nearly all reaped. The *hymunti*, or late rice, is fast ripening.
3	Beerbhoom, 21st „ „	Nil	Fine dry weather. State and prospects of crops good. Prices rapidly falling.
4	Midnapore, 21st „ „	Nil	Cool and bright; no rain. No reports from Gurbeta, Contai, or Tumlook. Crops in Sudder good
5	Hooghly, 21st „ „	Nil	Clear throughout; wind from north. No rain. Except in two thanas, the prospects of the winter rice crop are fair. Potatoes are already in the market. Prospects of the spring crops are good.
	Howrah, 21st „ „	Nil	The cold weather has now fairly set in. The state and prospects of the crops continue very good. Price of rice rapidly falling.
	Central Districts.		
Presidency Divn. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 23rd† Nov. 1874.	Nil	Clear and cold weather. The harvest of the *amun* or late rice has commenced in Satkhira and Barripore. Prospects of crops on the ground continue excellent. Fever still prevailing in Barripore. A few cases were also reported at Busseerhât.
7	Nuddea, 21st Nov. 1874	Nil	Seasonable weather. The prospects of all crops are very favorable. The *amun*, or late rice, harvest will commence in a few days. Prices have a downward tendency. Cholera has appeared in parts of Meherpore and Chooadangah subdivisions.
8	Jessore 21st „ „	Nil	Weather generally clear, no rain; wind most frequently from the north. The reports from all parts of the district are favorable. In Jhenidah, notwithstanding the damage from the inundation, it is expected that the *amun*, or late rice, will yield a full average crop of 15 annas. The earlier portion of this crop is being cut. Prices throughout the district continue to fall.
Rajshahye Divn. 9	Moorshedabad, 21st Nov. 1874.	Nil	Getting rather cold. No rain during the week. The prospects of the crops continue as favorable as previously reported. Prices have considerably improved. Common rice is dearest at Bharutpore, where it sells at 12-8 seers per rupee. The cheapest price is 22 seers per rupee at Rampore Hât. Health good.
10	Dinagepore, 20th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Wind from the north; weather bright and sunny. The winter rice is fast ripening and is a magnificent crop. Villagers busy in re-sowing such cold-weather crops as were damaged by the late heavy fall of rain.
11	Maldah, 21st Nov. 1874	Nil	Weather fair, but occasionally cloudy. The prospects of the *hymunti*, or late rice, continue excellent. The sowing of the cold-weather crops is in progress, and has been partially completed.
12	Rajshahye, 21st „ „	Nil	There has been no rain throughout the district during the week. The cutting of the *amun*, or late rice crop, has commenced in the jurisdictions of Tannore, Singrah, Godagaree, Buraigaon, Belmariah, and Nattore. Barley, wheat, gram, linseed, mustard, *teel* (oil-seed), and *khessaric*, *moosur*, *rahur*, and *kalai* (pulses), are progressing favorably. It is reported from Bagmara, Bandrakhara, Belmariah and Mondah that on account of the late continued rains, the *rubbee*, or cold-weather crops, were not sown at the usual season, consequently the prospects of these crops in those thanas are not good. In some places lands are still being prepared for sowing. A few cases of small-pox have been reported from the Tannore station; cholera still prevails, though not so extensively as it did a month ago.
13	Rungpore, 20th „ „	Nil	Weather fine and seasonable. Rice progressing well; in some parts harvesting has commenced. Cold-weather crops being sown.
14	Bogra, 21st „ „	Nil	No rain; weather cloudy; cold in the morning, hot in the evening, with heavy dews. Prospects of crops good.
15	Pubna, 21st „ „	Nil	Fine and seasonable weather—Cooler. No rain. North-west wind prevailing. Harvesting of the *amun*, or late rice, still going on. *Mong*, *mashkalai*, *matore*, and *khessari* (pulses), and rye look well; sugarcane and turmeric are in good condition. Cholera is abating.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
Cooch Behar Divn. 16	Darjeeling, 20th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Bright and clear at the first part of the week, but cloudy afterwards. Prospects of crops same as last week. A full harvest of rice crop is expected.
Cooch Behar Divn. 17	Julpigoree, 21st „ „	Nil	Fine weather. State and prospects of the crops are good in every way. Harvest operations just commenced.
Cooch Behar Divn.	Cooch Behar, 19th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Fine and clear. The cold season is setting in. Prospects of crops continue excellent.
	Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division. 18	Dacca, 23rd* Nov. 1874	Nil	Seasonable weather. Prospects of crops favorable.
Dacca Division. 19	Fureedpore, 21st Nov. 1874.	Nil	Bright and clear during the week. State of the rice crop every where excellent. Lands for the *rubbee*, or cold-weather crops, are being prepared. The price of coarse rice has fallen at Bhangah and Gopalgunge, but remains the same at Fureedpore and Madarcepore. Goalundo return not received Throughout the district a malarious fever has prevailed, and deaths have been very numerous. There has also been some fatal cases of cholera. In Fureedpore itself the mortality from fever has been considerable. This general sickness has retarded harvest and agricultural operations generally.
Dacca Division. 20	Backergunge, 19th Nov. 1874.	·18	Seasonable weather. The crops are excellent.
Dacca Division. 21	Mymensingh, 20th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Weather cool and pleasant; no rain, except on the 12th instant, in the Attea Subdivision. The reaping of the *aman*, or late rice, has commenced, and a good outturn is expected. Prices falling. The *kalai* pulse promises well.
Chittagong Divn. 22	Chittagong, 19th Nov. 1874.	0·81	The weather in the early part of the week was wet and stormy. It is now fine and bright, but continues unseasonably hot for the time of the year. Some slight damage was done by the rain, but generally the late rice will be an excellent crop. *Kalai* (pulse), *teel* (oil-seed), and *moong* (pulse) are coming on well. Cholera has appeared at Satkania.
Chittagong Divn. 23	Noakholly, 19th Nov. 1874	0 24	Weather fair. The cold weather has set in. The crops are all doing well.
Chittagong Divn. 24	Tipperah, 20th „	Nil	Sky gloomy now and then, and weather cool. State and prospects of the crops good. There are a very few cases of cholera.
Chittagong Divn. 25	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 17th Nov. 1874	·11	Heavy fogs in the morning, hot at noon—unseasonably hot. The hill people are engaged in gathering their cotton and *teel* (oil-seed). The former crop suffered considerably from the late rains. Mustard is being sown.
Chittagong Divn.	Hill Tipperah	.....	Return not received.
BEHAR.			
Patna Divn. 26	Patna	.....	Return not received.
Patna Divn. 27	Gya, 21st Nov. 1874	Nil	Seasonable weather. Prospects of the crops excellent. Rice crop fast ripening.
Patna Divn. 28	Shahabad, 21st „ „	Nil	Fine and cool weather. The rice crop is being cut. The *rubbee* or cold-weather sowings have germinated. Opium sowings advanced. No report from Sasseram.
Patna Divn. 29	Tirhoot, 21st „ „	Nil	Fine and seasonable weather. The cutting of the rice crop has commenced in parts of the district. The prospects of the *rubbee*, or cold-weather crops, are good.
Patna Divn. 30	Sarun, 21st „ „	Nil	Cold and seasonable weather, and at times cloudy. West wind prevailing. The prospects of the *aghani* or late rice continue favorable. *Rubbee* or cold-weather sowings are being briskly pushed on. The early sowings have germinated well. Sugarcane and cotton are fair. Indigo fields are being prepared for next year. Poppy is being sown. Prices have slightly fallen.
Patna Divn. 31	Chumparun, 20th „ „	Nil	Cold and clear, with very heavy dews. The prospects of the crops are exceedingly good, as previously reported.

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BEHAR.—(*Contd.*)			
Bhagulpore Divn. 32	Monghyr, 21st Nov. 1874	Nil	Fair weather. The prospects of the crops continue excellent. The rice at Kharackpore, where the Collector is in camp at present, is an unusually good crop. *Rahur* (pulse), *janera* (Indian-corn), chillies, potatoes, and in fact every crop is flourishing, and the ryots generally are looking forward to a season of unusual plenty.
33	Bhagulpore	.....	Return not received.
34	Purneah, 21st Nov. 1874	Nil	Clear, cold, and westerly wind. *Aghani*, or late rice harvest, commenced; a really good average crop. Ploughing for *rubbee*, or cold-weather crops, actively going on.
35	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 21st Nov. 1874.	Nil	Fine weather. Crops excellent.
ORISSA.			
Orissa Division. 36	Cuttack, 21st Nov. 1874	Nil	Weather clear and cold. Prospects of crops extremely favorable. *Sarudh* or late rice ripening. Winter crops springing up freely. Public health on the whole good, but a little fever is still lingering.
37	Pooree, 19th „ „	Nil	Partially fair, with clouds hanging and cold north wind. The first late rice or *laghoo* crop is ripening, and is being partly reaped with a moderate outturn. The second or *sarudh* crop is coming into ear, and flowering partly with fair prospects. The pulses are now doing well, but they are indifferent owing to the late heavy rain. Prices are generally stationary.
38	Balasore, 20th „ „	Nil	The weather has been cool and the sky clear, though there were some clouds for a short time on the 16th and 17th instant. In some parts of the district the *sarud* paddy is being reaped, and in some quarters they are ripening. The other sorts of rice are coming into ear. In spite of the effects of the late cyclone, there is every prospect of a harvest above average. The *rubbee* or cold-weather crops, *viz.*, turmeric, karpus (cotton), and *arhur* (pulse), have flowers, and *moong* (pulse) and mustard are being sown.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
39	Hazareebagh, 20th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Seasonable weather, cold, and bracing. Harvest being gathered most favorably. Nothing could be better than the accounts from all sides, both as regards the harvest and the prospects of the cold-weather crops. One sharp outbreak of cholera at a village 50 miles from Hazareebagh.
40	Lohardugga, 21st Nov. 1874.	Nil	Clear, bright, and cold. The crops are excellent; those on the higher lands are now being harvested. The *rubbee*, or cold-weather crops, are also doing well. Fever prevalent in parts, but general health fair.
41	Singbhoom, 20th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Clear and sunny weather; favorable for harvesting; and everything in a satisfactory condition.
42	Manbhoom, 21st Nov. 1874.	Nil	Weather seasonable, and the crops are being gathered in throughout the district. On the whole, it is believed that a fair crop will be reaped.

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 21st November 1874.

Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 28th November 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
Burdwan Division. 1	Burdwan, 30th* Nov. 1874	Nil	No rain in the district. Prospects of crops good. *Rubbee* or cold-weather crops are being sown. Fever as before.
2	Bankoora, 28th „ „	Nil	Cool and dry weather. No change in the state and prospects of crops since last report. The *nuan* or intermediate rice has been harvested, and the reaping of the *kamunta* or late rice has commenced. The winter crops are doing well.
3	Beerbhoom, 28th „ „	Nil	Weather bright and dry. State and prospects of the crops good; harvest in progress. Winter ploughings commenced. Prices continue to fall.
4	Midnapore, 28th „ „	Nil	Cold and clear weather with light west winds. The early winter rice is being harvested with a full outturn. Total loss of the late rice in a tract of 95 square miles in the Contai Sub-division from the cyclone-inundation has been reported. Elsewhere all crops are good.
5	Hooghly, 28th „ „	Nil	Clear throughout; wind from north-east. The cold-weather has now set in; the paddy, as far as it was transplanted, is doing well. All the cold-weather crops are promising.
	Howrah, 28th „ „	Nil	Fine and seasonable weather. State and prospects of crops continue unchanged.
	Central Districts.		
Presidency Div'n. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 30th† Nov. 1874.	Nil	Weather dry and cold. The harvest of the late rice progressing throughout the district. Cold-weather crops doing well. Prices of rice falling. Fever continues in Barripore and Bussecrhat.
7	Nuddea, 28th Nov. 1874	Nil	Seasonable weather. No change in the prospects of the crops; the *amun* or late rice harvest has commenced. Prices continue to fall. Cholera appears to be spreading in some parts of the district.
8	Jessore 28th „ „	Nil	No rain; clear and cold with a northerly wind. The prospects of the rice and cold-weather crops alike continue good.
Rajshahye Div'n. 9	Moorshedabad, 28th Nov. 1874.	Nil	No rain during the week. Prospects of crops remain unchanged and continue to be very good. The late rice harvest continues. Prices have fallen considerably during the week—common rice is selling at 21, 20, and 18 seers per rupee at Sujagunge, Gorabazar, and Kalliangunge, respectively.
10	Dinagepore, 27th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Weather fine, but getting very cold. State and prospects of the crops very good.
11	Maldah, 28th Nov. 1874	Nil	Weather fair and delightfully cool. The winter harvest has begun and a plenteous outturn is expected. The cold-weather crops are full of promise.
12	Rajshahye, 28th „ „	Nil	Fine clear weather with northerly wind. The earlier *amun* rice crop is being extensively cut, giving an excellent yield. The late crop also promises to be a full one. The sowings of the cold weather crops—barley, wheat, pulses, mustard, and others—have been completed, except in the most recently inundated parts. All the above are growing well and give fair promise.
13	Rungpore, 27th „ „	Nil	Fine weather. Prospects of the crops good.
14	Bogra, 28th „ „	Nil	No rain, weather cloudy; cold in the morning, hot in the evening, with heavy dews. Rice crops being rapidly cut. Prospects of all other crops good.
15	Pubna, 28th „ „	Nil	Fine, cool, and seasonable weather. No rain. The harvesting of the *amun* or late rice is still going on. The prospects of the *moong*, *mashkalai*, *matore*, and *khesari* (pulses) and *rie* (oil-seeds) are good. Cholera has almost disappeared.
Cooch Behar Div'n. 16	Darjeeling, 27th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Cloudy and cold; seldom clear. The prospects of the crops both in the hills and terai are favorable.
17	Julpigoree, 28th „ „	Nil	Fine, dry and cold weather. An excellent harvest expected, crops ripening most favorably.
	Cooch Behar, 26th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Fine weather. The present state and prospects of the crops are excellent. A small quantity of the late rice crop has been cut already.

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	No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)				
		Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division.	18	Dacca, 30th* Nov. 1874	Nil	Seasonable weather. Prospects of crops very good.
	19	Fureedpore, 28th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Bright and clear throughout the week. State of the crops everywhere good. Price of coarse rice has fallen at Fureedpore, Madareepore, and Gopalgunge, but owing to exports it continues the same at Goalundo and Bhanga Sanitary condition of the district much the same as last week. Casualties from fever and cholera still very numerous.
	20	Backergunge, 26th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Seasonable weather. The cutting of the *amun* or late rice crop has begun. The crop is one of great excellence. The general condition of the district is favorable.
	21	Mymensingh, 27th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Fine and clear weather with heavy dews at night. State and prospects of the crops excellent.
Chittagong Divn.	22	Chittagong, 26th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Fine weather. The cold weather has now well set in. Cutting of the rice crop has commenced and will be pretty general by the end of next week. The outturn promises to be a full average, if not more. Cholera and cattle disease disappeared.
	23	Noakholly, 26th Nov. 1874	Nil	Weather cold and windy. The *amun* or late rice crop is very good throughout the district. The reaping of the *raja sail* paddy is not yet completed. The *kalai* (pulse) crop is coming on well. Cases of cholera have been reported from the interior of the district. There were three cases of cholera in the town of Noakholly. It broke out in a boat returning from Fureedpore to Noakholly; those who travelled by it were seized with cholera after reaching their homes at Noakholly.
	24	Tipperah, 27th „ „	Nil	Weather bright, clear, and cool. The *amun* or late rice is being reaped, and the outturn promises to be excellent.
	25	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 24th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Heavy fogs in the morning, hot at noon—unseasonably hot. The hill people are engaged in gathering their cotton and *teel* (oil-seed). The mustard is being sown. Prospects good.
		Hill Tipperah, 21st Nov. 1874.	1·29	Generally cold and cloudy. Heavy rain on the 15th November at 7 P.M. Prospects of the *amun* rice crop good.
BEHAR.				
Patna Divn.	26	Patna	.....	Return not received.
	27	Gya, 28th Nov. 1874	Nil	Cool and pleasant weather. The *aughani* or late rice is being cut. The prospects of the *rubbee* or cold-weather crops are good.
	28	Shahabad, 28th „ „	Nil	Fine weather. The *aughani* or late rice is mostly reaped. The *rubbee* or cold-weather crops continue promising.
	29	Tirhoot, 27th „ „	Nil	Fine weather. In Seetamurhee and Hajeepore Sub-divisions the prospect of the crops continue excellent. In Durbhunga and Mudhoobunnee Sub-divisions the rice is being cut, and the other crops will soon be ripe. The young *rubbee* or cold-weather crops are doing well. In a few places sowing of the *rubbee* crop is still going on. In Sudder Sub-division the prospect of the *rubbee* crop is excellent, and the reaping of rice in some places has commenced. Price of grain has considerably fallen. Public health good.
	30	Sarun, 28th „ „	Nil	Fine and bright, getting perceptibly cooler. *Aughani* or late rice is fast ripening, in some places it is being cut. *Rubbee* or cold-weather crops have germinated well. Sugarcane is being cut and put into the mills. Poppy sowing is still going on. The early sowings have come up well. Indigo fields are being prepared for the next year's crop. Prices falling.
	31	Chumparun, 27th „ „	Nil	Cold and clear with very heavy dews. The prospects of the *aughani* or late rice crop is very good. The harvesting of it has commenced; a fair outturn expected. The season is also good for the cold-weather crops which have been sown everywhere.
Bhagulpore Divn.	32	Monghyr, 28th Nov. 1874	Nil	Weather cool. Prospects of crops good. No change since last report.
	33	Bhagulpore, 30th* „ „	Nil	*Aughani* rice crop being harvested: of good outturn. Health very good.
	34	Purneah, 28th „ „	Nil	Fine and cool weather, westerly winds. *Aughani* or late rice crop being cut. The damage done in some places by the rain is more than compensated for by the good done in other places. *Rubbee* or cold-weather ploughing and sowings going on briskly.
	35	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 28th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Fine weather. Everything as good as can be.

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ORISSA.			
Orissa Division. 36	Cuttack	.....	Return not received.
37	Pooree, 26th Nov. 1874	Nil	Fair and clear weather. The cold season has set in. The first late rice or *laghoo* rice crop all ripe, and is being harvested with a moderate outturn. The second or *sarudh* rice crop is flowering, and ripening partly with fair prospects. Pulses are growing well. Prices have slightly fallen.
38	Balasore, 27th „ „	Nil	There has been no rainfall in any part of the district during the week. The winter has actually commenced. In some quarters the rice crops are being reaped and in some they are ripening. The *rubbee* or cold-weather crops, viz., *moong* and *biri* pulses and sugarcane promise well. Coriander and *jeera* crops are being sown.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
39	Hazareebagh, 27th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Weather cold and seasonable. The harvest is coming to a close in a highly satisfactory manner. Very little disease among both man and beast.
40	Lohardugga, 28th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Fine weather, but some light clouds have been collecting during the last few days. The rice crop is being reaped. The outturn in Chota Nagpore Proper will be large, and in Palamow far finer than it has been for years. The prospects of the cold-weather crops are excellent.
41	Singbhoom, 27th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Sunny weather. Nothing to add. Everything is favorable. District healthy.
42	Manbhoom, 28th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Favorable weather. The late rice crops are now being cut, and there is every prospect of a good harvest. The spring crops promise well.

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 28th November 1874.

Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 5th December 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVISION. 1	Burdwan, 7th* Dec. 1874	Nil	No rain has fallen in the interior. The *amun* or late rice harvest has commenced. Fever as before.
2	Bankoora, 5th „ „	Nil	Weather cool and dry. The reaping of the *hymunti* or late paddy is progressing. The winter crops are doing well. Great many cases of fever reported.
3	Beerbhoom, 5th „ „	Nil	Clear and dry weather. State and prospects of crops good; harvest still in progress.
4	Midnapore, 5th „ „	Nil	Cold and dry weather. Crops ripening and some being cut. Reports from sub-divisions cheering, except from Contai, where over some tracts there has been failure.
5	Hooghly, 5th „ „	Nil	Clear throughout; wind from north. Cold-weather crops good. *Amun*, or late rice, fair wherever planted out.
	Howrah, 5th „ „	Nil	Seasonable weather. Rice crops are beginning to ripen and look well.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVN. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 7th† Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather dry and cool. The *amun*, or late rice, is being cut. Prospects of cold-weather crops continue good. A few cases of cholera reported from thanas Bussecrhat and Kalarca. Fever still prevailing in Barripore.
7	Nuddea, 5th Dec. 1874	Nil	Seasonable weather. No changes worthy of notice in prospects of crops. Prices generally falling. Cholera is spreading in the Meherpore and Chooadangah Sub-divisions.
8	Jessore, 5th „ „	Nil	No rain; sky tolerably clear, wind pretty steady from the north. Harvesting of *chotan amun* rice nearly over; return good, but the exact outturn cannot yet be given. All winter crops appear to be doing well.
RAJSHAHYE DIVN. 9	Moorshedabad, 5th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Cool and seasonable weather. The harvesting of *amun*, or late rice crop, is still going on in some places; an average outturn is expected. The new rice has already come into the market, but to a small extent. It sells at from 20 to 25 seers per rupee at Gora Bazar, Rughoonathgunge, and Rampore Haut. The state of the cold-weather crops, mulberry and indigo, has been reported to be favorable. Cholera is still slightly prevalent in a few stations of the Sudder sub-district.
10	Dinagepore, 4th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Fine weather. State and prospects of the crops very good. Reaping going on.
11	Maldah, 5th Dec. 1874	Nil	Weather set, fair, and cool. The *hymunti*, or late rice crop, continues to be harvested, yielding a full crop in many parts of the district. The *kalai* pulse is ripening and is good. The cold-weather crops have been sown as usual.
12	Rajshahye, 5th „ „	Nil	Weather cool; fine days and nights. The early *amun* rice harvest is going on extensively, and the latter rice crop is also being cut in the *Bhurind* tract. Some of the *beels* are too full of water to admit of the paddy in them being reaped at present. Some of this will probably be lost. All the cold-weather crops are good, *kalai* pulse and mustard being well advanced in flower. The extent of cold-weather crop cultivation is far larger than usual. Public health good, and cholera much abated.
13	Rungpore, 4th „ „	Nil	Weather fine and cold. Prospects of the crops good.
14	Bogra, 5th „ „	Nil	Fine and sunny in the middle of the day; heavy dews at night, and cold in the morning. State and prospects of crops unchanged from last week; *e.g.*, rice crops being rapidly cut. All other crops good.
15	Pubna, 5th „ „	Nil	Fine and seasonable weather. The rice harvest is still in progress, and there has been a 14 annas yield. The prospects of the cold-weather crops are good.
COOCH BEHAR DIVN. 16	Darjeeling, 4th „ „	·08	Alternate clouds and sunshine; a little rain-fell on the evening of Wednesday, the 2nd December. In the hills wheat, barley, and buckwheat are progressing favorably. In the plains a full crop of late rice is reckoned upon. The *kalai* pulse crop is expected to give a 12 annas outturn.
17	Julpigoree, 5th „ „	Nil	Weather fine, but not as cold as usual for the time of year; this is probably owing to the late rain in October not having as yet dried up. All crops promise as well as can be desired. Late rice is in some places being cut.
	Cooch Behar, 3rd Dec. 1874.	Nil	Fine weather. A splendid *amun*, or late rice harvest, is being reaped. The prospects of the cold-weather crops are not very good.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)			
	Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Division. 18	Dacca, 7th* Dec. 1874	Nil	Seasonable weather. Crops very good
Dacca Division. 19	Fureedpore, 5th Dec. 1874	Nil	Bright, clear, and sunny throughout the week. Late rice being reaped everywhere, the prospects of which continue good. Winter crops in course of being sown; land for them in some places still under preparation. Molasses and sugar from cane and date under active manufacture Price of coarse rice at Mudareepore and Bhangah continues the same; at Gopalgunge it has fallen, and risen at Fureedpore, owing to imports having fallen off. No returns received from Goalando. Cholera and fever still prevalent, especially in the southern part of the district. Casualties from both epidemics show a slight decline, though still numerous.
Dacca Division. 20	Backergunge, 3rd Dec. 1874.	Nil	Seasonable weather. The cutting of the great rice crop has begun. It is a crop of very exceptional excellence.
Dacca Division. 21	Mymensingh, 4th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Fine weather, with some foggy mornings. Prospects of crops same as last week. Rice has everywhere experienced a great fall in price.
Chittagong Divn. 22	Chittagong, 3rd Dec. 1874.	Nil	Fine and seasonable weather. Prospects of crops everywhere continue most favorable.
Chittagong Divn. 23	Noakholly, 3rd „ „	Nil	Cold and bracing weather. The *amun* or late rice crop is good everywhere. The *kalai* pulse crops are progressing well. *Khesari* pulse and linseed are being sown and the young chillies planted out.
Chittagong Divn. 24	Tipperah, 4th „ „	Nil	Fair weather. State and prospects of the crops good. A few cases of cholera and small-pox in the Sub-division of Brahmunberiah.
Chittagong Divn. 25	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 1st Dec 1874	Nil	Heavy fogs in the morning and night; warm at noon; cold in the mornings and evenings. The hill-people have gathered two-thirds of their cotton produce. *Teel* oil-seeds are already gathered and generally sold in the market. The prospect appears to be good.
Chittagong Divn.	Hill Tipperah, 28th Nov. 1874.	Nil	Very cold, foggy mornings; days bright and clear. Prospects of the *amun* or late rice crops good. Reaping has commenced in some places.
BEHAR.			
Patna Divn. 26	Patna, 7th* Dec. 1874	Nil	Seasonable weather. Rice harvest in progress; outturn good. Cold-weather crops prospering. General health excellent.
Patna Divn. 27	Gya, 5th Dec. 1874	Nil	Cool and clear. The *aughani* or late rice is being mostly reaped. The outturn will be an unusually good one. The *rubbee* or cold-weather crop is promising.
Patna Divn. 28	Shahabad, 5th „ „	Nil	Weather seasonable and cold, with west wind. The *aughani* or late rice is being rapidly harvested, and will yield a full crop. The prospects of the *rubbee*, or cold-weather crops, continue excellent.
Patna Divn. 29	Tirhoot, 5th „ „	Nil	Weather fair. In Tajpore Sub-division *aughani* crops are all secured. Rice crops in some places are being harvested. The prospects of the *rubbee*, or cold-weather crops, are favorable. Price of food-grains generally falling. In Seetamurhee Sub-division prospects of the crops are good. The reaping of rice has commenced. In Durbhunga and Hajeepore Sub-divisions the reaping of the rice has commenced, and the prospects of the cold-weather crops are excellent. In the Mudhoobunnee Sub-division rice is being cut; its outturn is estimated to be from 12 to 14 annas. The cold-weather crops promise well. In Sudder Sub-division the prospects of the cold-weather crops are excellent, and the rice crops on high lands are being harvested. Prices of food-grains gradually falling. Public health good.
Patna Divn. 30	Sarun, 5th „ „	Nil	Fine. The cold weather appears to have fairly set in. *Aughani* or late rice is being reaped; the outturn is expected to be 10 annas throughout the district. *Rubbee*, or cold-weather crops, have germinated well, but rain is wanted to promote their growth; in some places they are being irrigated. Sugarcane is still being cut and put into the mills. Indigo fields are being prepared for next year's crops. Poppy has come up well. Prices are falling.
Patna Divn. 31	Chumparun, 4th „ „	Nil	Cold, clear weather, with heavy morning dews. The prospects of the *aughani* or late rice crop are very good. It is being harvested, and a good outturn is expected. The *rubbee* or cold-weather sowings are progressing satisfactorily.
Bhagulpore Divn. 32	Monghyr, 5th Dec. 1874	Nil	Clear and cold, with westerly wind. The *aughani* rice harvest has commenced; crop exceedingly good. Ploughing and sowing for the cold-weather crop going on satisfactorily.
Bhagulpore Divn. 33	Bhagulpore, 7th* „ „	Nil	Prospects of the crops unaltered. General health good, except for a little fever in Kishengunge.
Bhagulpore Divn. 34	Purneah, 5th „ „	Nil	Very cold. The *aughani* or late rice crop is now being reaped, with a very abundant return. Cold-weather crops in the course of sowing, and promise well. Some cholera cases reported from thana Bulrampore.
Bhagulpore Divn. 35	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 5th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Seasonable weather. State and prospects of crops continue most favorable.

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ORISSA.				
Orissa Division	36	Cuttack, 5th Dec. 1874	Nil	Clear and cold; mornings and evenings foggy. *Saradh* or late rice ripening, and the earlier kinds now being reaped; outturn a fair average Winter crops progressing favorably. Prices continue moderate. A good deal of low fever about.
	37	Pooree, 3rd „ „	Nil	Clear and cold weather. The first late, or *laghoo* rice crop, is being harvested, with a moderate outturn. The second or *saradh* rice crop, is ripening, with fair prospects. The pulses are generally getting on well. Prices are generally stationary.
	38	Balasore, 4th „ „	Nil	The weather has been cold, and the sky clear and serene There has been no rain throughout the district during this week In some places of the district paddy crops are being reaped, and in some quarters they are ripening In short, the prospect of the paddy crops is most favorable this year. The cold-weather crops, such as *urhur* (pulse), *karpas* (cotton), turmeric, *moong* (pulse), mustard, and sugarcane are doing well. In some portions of pergunnah Kaimah *dalua* paddy is being sown. General health of the district good.
CHOTA NAGPORE.				
		South-West Frontier Agency.		
	39	Hazareebagh, 4th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Nights and mornings very cold, with bright, sunny days. The rice harvest is nearly completed about Head-Quarters, though somewhat late in the west. There has not been such a crop for the last ten years in this district. The rubbee, or cold-weather crops, are very promising Sporadic cases of small-pox and cholera in the district, and one case of small-pox within cantonments during the week.
	40	Lohardugga, 5th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Fine weather; cold and quite seasonable. A great portion of the rice crop has now been cut, and the outturn has been very good In Palamow this harvest will be particularly fine The prospects of the cold-weather crops are also very good.
	41	Singbhoom, 4th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Cool and bright weather State and prospects of crops favorable.
	42	Manbhoom, 5th Dec. 1874	Nil	Fine, bright, cold weather, with heavy dews at night. The late paddy crops are now being cut all over the district, and are yielding well. Oilseeds, especially mustard, are doing well; wheat and barley are just showing above ground. Health of the people good.

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Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 12th December 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
BURDWAN DIVN. 1	Burdwan, 14th* Dec. 1874	Nil	Seasonable weather. *Amun* or late rice harvest progressing; cold-weather crops looking well. Fever as before.
BURDWAN DIVN. 2	Bankoora, 12th „ „	Nil	Cool and dry, but somewhat cloudy. The reaping of the *haimunt* or late paddy is progressing. The winter crops are flourishing, and except in thana Onda, where the sowings were very late, a full harvest is expected everywhere.
BURDWAN DIVN. 3	Beerbhoom, 12th „ „	Nil	Clear and dry weather. State and prospects of the crops continue good all round.
BURDWAN DIVN. 4	Midnapore, 12th „ „	Nil	Cold and dry in the west and north; cloudy and close in the south-east, with a few drops of rain on the 10th December. The area in Contai which has suffered a total loss of rice crops by inundation has been ascertained not to exceed 40 square miles. Elsewhere partial damage has been done by the rain and flood-water lying, and taking this with the damage done to earlier rice on high lands by the cyclone, the outturn of winter rice for the season will not be more than 10-annas of an ideal bumper crop. The sugarcane is fair, and the mulberry plants are generally good.
BURDWAN DIVN. 5	Hooghly, 12th „ „	Nil	Clear throughout; wind from north; weather very cold. Prospect of rice where planted out is good; that of cold-weather crops very good.
BURDWAN DIVN.	Howrah, 12th „ „	Nil	Fair weather. State and prospects of the crops are good. The harvest has begun, and the outturn promises to be low.
	Central Districts.		
PRESIDENCY DIVN. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 14th† Dec. 1874.	Nil	Dry and cold. Sowings of cold-weather crops completed. The harvest of the late rice going on. A few cases of cholera reported from thanas Barripore and Mutheornapore. Fever still prevailing at Barripore.
PRESIDENCY DIVN. 7	Nuddea, 12th Dec. 1874	Nil	Seasonable weather. The rice harvest is going on. The cold-weather crops are most promising. Cholera is unusually prevalent in several parts.
PRESIDENCY DIVN. 8	Jessore, 12th „ „	Nil	Weather generally close; northerly wind prevailing. The reports regarding both *chotan* and *baran amun* or late rice are very favorable from all the sub-divisions excepting Jhenidah, where the lands submerged three or four months ago, will, it is stated, give scarcely any return. The *baran* rice crop in other parts of the sub-division will, however, be above an average crop. Cold-weather crops everywhere thriving.
RAJSHAHYE DIVN. 9	Moorshedabad, 12th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Cool and seasonable weather. During the week patches of clouds appeared now and then, but fortunately no rain fell. The condition of the crops continues to be excellent. The greater part of the *amun* or late rice crop has been cut; the outturn is reported to vary from 8 to 12 annas. The state of the rubee or cold-weather crops, mulberry, and indigo has been reported to be favorable. The price of common rice has fallen since last week. It is cheapest at Gorabazar and Jellinghee, where the prices are 22 and 21 seers per rupee. Cholera is still slightly prevalent in a few stations of the Sudder sub-district.
RAJSHAHYE DIVN. 10	Dinagepore, 11th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather fine and cold. Reaping in full progress. Prospects excellent.
RAJSHAHYE DIVN. 11	Maldah, 12th Dec. 1874	Nil	Fair weather. The reaping of the late rice crop is going on, and the outturn is very good. *Kalai* pulse is being reaped, and yields fairly. The cold-weather crops are being sown. There were several cases of cholera in the district.
RAJSHAHYE DIVN. 12	Rajshahye, 12th „ „	Nil	Weather generally cloudy, but no rain; northerly wind in the latter part of the week. No change on the prospects of the cold-weather crops, which are all in a flourishing condition. Prices of rice have still a downward tendency, but the great fall will be next month, at the close of the harvest. Cholera has nearly disappeared.
RAJSHAHYE DIVN. 13	Rungpore, 11th „ „	Nil	Weather foggy and warm for the season. Crops thriving, rice being cut. Mustard in flower in places.
RAJSHAHYE DIVN. 14	Bogra	.....	Return not received.
RAJSHAHYE DIVN. 15	Pubna, 12th Dec. 1874	Nil	Cool and fine. The *amun* or late rice is nearly got in, and the harvesting of *moog* and *arohur* pulses commenced. *Kalai* pulse in flower, and sugarcane nearly ready to be harvested. Fever decreasing.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)				
		Central Districts.—(Contd.)		
Cooch Behar Divn.	16	Darjeeling, 11th Dec. 1874.	Nil	A little cloudy occasionally, but mostly clear weather throughout the week. All the crops both in the hills and plains are progressing very favorably, especially the *haimunta* or late rice.
	17	Julpigoree, 12th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather cold and dry. State and prospects of crops very good. Harvest operations in full force.
		Cooch Behar, 10th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Fine weather. A splendid crop of late rice is being reaped, and the transplanting of tobacco and sowing of mustard seed are still going on.
		Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Divn.	18	Dacca, 14th* Dec. 1874	Nil	Weather seasonable. Crops very favorable; mustard particularly flourishing. Cholera bad, chiefly in Moonsheegunge sub-division.
	19	Fureedpore, 12th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Rice harvest nearly all in, and the *rubbee* or cold-weather crops sown. Price of coarse rice is the same, except at Gopalgunge, where it has risen from 24 to 21 seers in consequence of traders purchasing for transport. Fever and cholera abating except in Madareepore Sub-division, where casualties are still reported numerous.
	20	Backergunge, 10th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Seasonable weather. The crops are excellent. The general health of the district is good.
	21	Mymensingh, 11th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Fine weather. Crops flourishing.
Chittagong Divn.	22	Chittagong, 10th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather fine until the 10th, when it became dull and cloudy. Reaping of the rice is now pretty general. The prospects of the cold-weather crops, not an important staple in this district, continue good. One death from cholera in the town, and one in thana Satkania.
	23	Noakholly, 10th Dec. 1874	Nil	From 3rd to 5th fair weather; mornings of the 6th and 9th foggy, and afternoon of the 8th and 9th slightly cloudy State of the *amun* or late rice crop is good everywhere. Cold-weather crops progressing favorably.
	24	Tipperah, 11th „ „	Nil	Fair weather. The state and prospects of the crops are excellent. Several cases of cholera and small-pox in the sub-division of Brahmunbareah.
	25	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 8th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Heavy fogs in the morning and night, warm at noon; excessive cold in the mornings and evenings. The hill-people have gathered their cotton, but on the whole the quantity is less than that of last year. Mustard in course of sowing. The crop appears to be good.
		Hill Tipperah, 12th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Mornings cold; days bright and clear. Reaping of the *amun* or late rice crop going on. Prices have fallen a little.
BEHAR.				
Patna Divn.	26	Patna, 14th* Dec. 1874	Nil	Seasonable weather. Rice harvest progressing; cold-weather crops doing well. Health good.
	27	Gya, 12th „ „	Nil	Seasonable weather. The *aghani* or late rice is being harvested; the outturn will be a bumper crop. The *rubbee* or cold-weather crop has come up well and looks promising.
	28	Shahabad, 12th „ „	Nil	Cloudy and warmer at the beginning of the week; clear and cold afterwards. The *aghani* or late rice is being rapidly harvested. The prospects of the *rubbee* or cold-weather crops continue excellent. Health of the district good.
	29	Tirhoot, 12th „ „	Nil	Fair weather. *Tajpore Sub-division.*—*Aghani* or late rice crops are being cut. The *rubbee* or cold-weather crops are doing well, and would yield a good outturn with a timely shower of rain. Prospects of all other crops good. Prices of food-grains continue to fall. *Mudhoobunnee Sub-division.*—Rice crop is now being cut everywhere, and its outturn is said to be from 12 to 14 annas. Cold-weather crops flourishing well. *Hajeepore Sub-division.*—The rice crop now being reaped is one of the best known for years. *Durbhunga Sub-division.*—Rice harvest progressing in places. Favorable prospects of the cold-weather crops. *Sectamurhee Sub-division.*—The prospect of the cold-weather crop is very promising. Rice is being cut. *Sudder Sub-division.*—The rice crop is being reaped everywhere, and cold-weather crops looking well. New *kartika* rice coming in the markets is sold at 23 seers per rupee. Public health good.

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	No	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BEHAR.—(*Contd.*).				
Patna Divn.	30	Sarun, 12th Dec. 1874	Nil	Alternate clouds and sunshine; west wind prevailing. The *aghani* or late rice is being rapidly harvested, and will yield a fair outturn. The *rubbee* or cold-weather crops are promising, but rain is wanted. Indigo fields are still being prepared for next year's crops. Poppy has germinated well; there was no second sowing, and a good outturn is expected. Prices of common rice and grain have slightly fallen. Public health good.
	31	Champarun, 11th „ „	Nil	Mornings foggy with cold nights. *Aghani* or late rice crop being reaped. Good outturn expected. No rain but moisture for the cold-weather crops quite sufficient.
Bhagulpore Divn.	32	Monghyr, 12th „ „	Nil	Clear and cold with westerly wind. State and prospects of crops excellent.
	33	Bhagulpore, 14th* „ „	Nil	*Aghani* or late rice harvest outturn promises to prove an average one. Prospects of *rubbee* or cold-weather crops are also good. General health good.
	34	Purneah, 12th „ „	Nil	Seasonable weather. State and prospects of crops very good.
	35	Southal Pergunnahs 12th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather fine, and nearly cold enough. State and prospects of crops excellent everywhere.
ORISSA.				
Orissa Division.	36	Cuttack, 12th Dec. 1874	·05	Weather cold and cloudy; one or two slight showers. The *saradh* or late rice crop is being reaped. The rice harvest is now secure, and except in one or two places where repeated floods prevented any crop from being raised, will be a bumper. Winter crops are flourishing. Health of the district improving.
	37	Pooree, 10th „ „	Nil	Clear and cold till 8th, whence cloudy and chill with keen wind. The harvest of the first late rice or *laghoo* crop is proceeding fast, with a moderate outturn. The second or *sarudh* crop is ripening, and has partly commenced to be reaped with a fair outturn. The pulses are generally doing well. Sugarcane is being gathered with a good outturn. Prices are gradually and slightly falling.
	38	Balasore, 11th „ „	Nil	Weather cold and fine; no rain during the week. Harvesting of the *saradh* or late rice progressing favorably. General prospect of rice crop very good. General health satisfactory.
CHOTA NAGPORE.				
		South-West Frontier Agency.		
	39	Hazareebagh, 11th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Cloudy, and not so cold as it usually is at this time of year. The rice crops are all reaped, and the outturn has been larger than for years past. The cold-weather crops everywhere are reported excellent, but the harvesting has not yet commenced. Sporadic cases of small-pox and cholera in the district.
	40	Lohardugga, 12th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather rather cloudy. The crops are still being reaped in Palamow, and the reports show that the harvest generally has been a very fine one, particularly in Palamow. The prospects of the cold-weather crops are also very good indeed. General health fair.
	41	Singbhoom, 11th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Cool and seasonable weather. State and prospects of crops favorable.
	42	Manbhoom, 12th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Slight clouds, and rather warm for the season. The reaping of the main rice crop is going on very well; it will all be harvested in another ten days or so. The yield is fully equal to a good average crop. The *tassar* (silk) and lac crops have been most abundant; and oil seeds also promise a full return. All the other crops on the high land promise well. The district is now in a most promising state. Public health good.

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Statement showing rainfall, weather, state and prospects of the crops in the different districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 11th December 1874.

Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 19th December 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
Burdwan Div. 1	Burdwan, 21st* Dec. 1874	Nil	Cold winds. Late rice harvest progressing. Prospects of cold-weather crops good. Fever a little less.
Burdwan Div. 2	Bankoora, 19th „ „	Nil	Weather cool and dry. Reaping of the *hymunta*, or late rice, is still going on. No change in the prospects of the winter crops, which are generally doing well.
Burdwan Div. 3	Beerbhoom, 19th „ „	Nil	Cold and dry weather. State and prospects of crops good all round.
Burdwan Div. 4	Midnapore, 19th „ „	Nil	Cold and dry weather. Harvesting of the late rice commenced. Rice falling in price; cold-weather crops doing well.
Burdwan Div. 5	Hooghly, 19th „ „	Nil	Weather clear throughout; wind from the north. Prospect of rice where planted out is good; and that of cold-weather crops very good.
Burdwan Div.	Howrah, 19th „ „	Nil	Weather fair and cold. State and prospects of crops continue good.
	Central Districts.		
Presidency Div. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 21st† Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather dry and cold. The harvest of the *amun*, or late rice, on the high lands well advanced. Cold-weather crops continue to do well. A few cases of cholera reported from Thanas Taligunge, Bussoerhat, Husnabad, Assasuni, and Kalaroa, and also 25 cases of small-pox in the suburbs. Fever still prevailing in Barripore.
Presidency Div. 7	Nudden, 19th Dec. 1874	Nil	Seasonable weather. The rice harvest is progressing favorably, and the outturn is fair. The prospects of cold-weather crops are, on the whole, good; so far indigo is very promising. Prices are going down. Cholera decreasing.
Presidency Div. 8	Jessore, 19th „ „	Nil	Sky clear; wind north-west. The harvesting of the *boran amun*, or late rice, is proceeding, and reports from all sides are favorable both as to the crops now being gathered and those still growing.
Rajshahye Div. 9	Moorshedabad, 19th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather bright and clear, with cold bracing breezes. The cold-weather crops are promising. The amun rice harvest is expected to give an outturn of about 12 annas. In Kalliangunge the price of common rice has fallen from 18 to 25 seers, and in Bharutpore from 15 to 17½. Elsewhere it is stationary. Cholera has increased during the week both in the number of cases and the percentage of deaths. Only one case of small-pox is reported in the head-quarters sub-district. Sickness seems most prevalent in a belt of country lying in the south of the district.
Rajshahye Div. 10	Dinagepore, 18th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Fine and seasonable weather. State and prospects of crops very good.
Rajshahye Div. 11	Maldah, 19th Dec. 1874	Nil	Weather fair; rather cloudy towards end. The prospects of all the crops are very good. There have been some cases of cholera and small-pox.
Rajshahye Div. 12	Rajshahye, 19th „ „	Nil	Clear seasonable weather, with northerly winds. The state of the crops continues satisfactory. The cutting of *kallye* pulse, and teel oil-seed has begun along the banks of the Ganges. The price of rice is still falling. The public health is good.
Rajshahye Div. 13	Rungpore, 18th „ „	Nil	Weather cold; slightly foggy in the morning. Rice still being cut. Prospects of winter crops favorable.
Rajshahye Div. 14	Bogra, 19th „ „	Nil	Weather same as last week. Prospects of the crops—no change.
Rajshahye Div. 15	Pubna, 19th „ „	Nil	Fine, cold, and seasonable weather. The harvesting of *amun*, or late rice crop, is nearly over. The prospects of winter crops good. Fever prevails in the neighbourhood of Chatmohar station.
Cooch Behar Div. 16	Darjeeling, 18th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Bright sunny weather during the day, and heavy frost at night. All the crops are progressing favorably; the *hymunta* dhan, or winter crop, is being reaped in some parts of the Terai, and a full harvest is anticipated.
Cooch Behar Div. 17	Julpigoree, 19th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather very favorable. State and prospects of crops excellent. New rice (common) selling at nearly 30 seers per rupee, indicating thereby a most abundant anticipated outturn from the harvest.
Cooch Behar Div.	Cooch Behar, 17th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Fine weather. No change in the prospects since last week. The *amun dhan*, or late rice crop, is being still reaped.

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	No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date
BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)				
		Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Divn.	18	Dacca, 21st* Dec. 1874	Nil	Weather cold and fine. Crops favorable.
	19	Fureedpore, 19th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather seasonable. *Amun*, or late rice crop, nearly all in, and sugarcane being cut. Price of coarse rice has fallen at Fureedpore, Goalundo, and Gopalgunge, but remains the same at Mudareepore and Bhanga. Sickness everywhere abating.
	20	Backergunge, 17th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Good, cold, and dry weather. State and propects of the crops good.
	21	Mymensingh, 18th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather fine. Heavy fogs in the mornings in the neighbourhood of rivers. The principal crop, which is rape seed, is flourishing.
Chittagong Divn	22	Chittagong, 17th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Fine and cold weather. About one-half of the late rice has now been cut. The crop will be at least a 14-anna one. There have been several deaths from cholera in the town, and a few in the Satkania thana.
	23	Noakholly, 17th Dec. 1874	Nil	The mornings of the 11th and 12th were foggy. The 10th, 11th, and 14th days of the month were more or less cloudy, and the rest of the week was fair. The reaping of the *amun* or late rice crops has commenced, and the cold-weather crops progressing favorably.
	24	Tipperah, 18th „ „	Nil	Weather fine and seasonable. The state and prospects of the crops continue very favorable as reported before. Price of rice rapidly falling.
	25	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 15th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Foggy in the morning; warm at noon; cloudy in the evenings and night. The Hill people have gathered their cotton crop. The sowing of mustard is over. The crop appears to be good.
		Hill Tipperah, 16th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Cold and seasonable weather. Reaping of the *amun*, or late rice crop, still going on, and the outturn expected to be a very good one. Chillies and onions being sown.
BEHAR.				
Patna Divn.	26	Patna, 21st* Dec. 1874	Nil	Weather cold and seasonable. Prospect of the *rubbee* or cold-weather crops excellent. Health good.
	27	Gya, 19th „ „	Nil	Cold and fine weather Harvesting of the late rice in progress. The *rubbee*, or cold-weather crop, is promising.
	28	Shahabad, 19th „ „	Nil	Weather very cold. The *aghani*, or late rice, has been almost entirely reaped in the Head-quarters, Buxar, and Sasseeram Sub-divisions, and Bhubbooah is a little later. The harvest appears a very full one. The prospects of the *rubbee*, or cold-weather crop, still continue excellent.
	29	Tirhoot, 19th „ „	Nil	Weather seasonable and cold. Rice harvest progressing throughout the district. The prospects of the *rubbee*, or cold-weather crop, are very promising everywhere. *Aloos* and *soothni* have nearly been harvested, and turned out a full crop. New *dhan*, or paddy, in Seetamurhee is selling at 60 seers per rupee, and rice at 35 seers; and in the Sudder station *dhan* is selling at 32 seers and rice at 24 seers per rupee. General health continues good.
	30	Sarun, 19th „ „	Nil	Weather clear and cool, with westerly wind. The harvest of *aghani*, or late rice, is almost completed, and the new rice has come to the market, but in small quantity. The prospects of rubbee, or cold-weather crops, continue excellent, but rain is wanted to promote their growth; in some places they are being irrigated. Indigo fields are still being prepared for next year's crops. Poppy plant is everywhere very forward and is looking very well; there is every probability of a large outturn Prices (except rice, common) stationary. General health satisfactory.
	31	Chumparun, 18th „ „	Nil	Mornings foggy, with cold nights. No rain has fallen, nor is it required. Weather cold and clear, with westerly winds. The weather continues favorable, and the *rubbee*, or cold-weather crop, promises well. Late rice nearly all reaped; 16-anna crop.
Bhagulpore Divn.	32	Monghyr, 19th „ „	Nil	Weather very cold, with westerly wind. State and prospects of the crops all that can be desired.
	33	Bhagulpore, 21st* „ „	Nil	Rice harvest will soon be over; outturn in the south, where the Collector is on tour, is far above an average crop; ryots are parting with their paddy at 60 seers per rupee; a full average crop in Soopool and probably a better one in Muddeh-poorah Sub-divisions. Cold-weather crops of every kind so far is exceedingly promising. General health very good.
	34	Purneah, 19th „ „	Nil	Seasonable weather. State and prospects of the crops unusually good; the return from the *aghani*, or late rice crop, will, it is believed, be much above the average.
	35	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 20th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather clear and cold. State and pospects of the crops good.

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ORISSA.			
Orissa Division			
36	Cuttack	.....	Return not received.
37	Pooree, 17th Dec. 1874	·16	Weather fair and cold. The harvest of the first late rice or *laghoo* crop is nearing completion with a moderate outturn. The second or *sarad* crop is ripening, and being reaped partly with a fair outturn. The pulses are generally growing well. Sugarcane is being gathered with a good outturn. Prices of rice are gradually and slightly falling.
38	Balasore, 18th „ „	Nil	Weather fine. No rain. Harvesting of rice crop became general, and outturn satisfactory. Mustard crop in flower. A few cases of cholera and small-pox in the north of the district.
CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
39	Hazareebagh, 18th Dec. 1874.	Nil	The weather has become considerably colder, with clear nights. The *dhan*, or paddy, has all been reaped. The *rubbee*, or cold-weather crop, is all reported as very promising. There have been no fresh cases of small-pox.
40	Lohardugga, 19th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather fine, with a bitterly cold wind. The outturn of the rice crop throughout the district has been very good indeed The reports from Palamow are particularly good. The cotton crop is reported as having been a failure owing to excessive rain. The cold-weather crops continue to promise well. General health good.
41	Singbhoom, 18th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Seasonable weather. The paddy has been nearly all cut. The cold-weather crops are very favorably reported.
42	Manbhoom, 19th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Cold and seasonable weather. Nothing to add to remarks of last week. The paddy crops all but harvested. Outturn good.

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Rainfall, Weather, and State and Prospects of the Crops.

Statement showing Rainfall, Weather, State and Prospects of the Crops in the different Districts of Bengal, as reported to Government during the week ending the 26th December 1874.

No.	District and date of return.	Rainfall at Sudder Station in inches.	Character of the weather, state and prospects of the crops, and state of health at date.
BENGAL.			
	Western Districts.		
Burdwan Divn. 1	Burdwan, 28th* Dec. 1874	Nil	Slightly cloudy; weather warmer. Late rice nearly harvested. Prospects of spring crops good. Fever as before.
Burdwan Divn. 2	Bankoora, 26th „ „	Nil	Weather cool and dry. *Haimunta*, or late rice, almost all reaped. Winter crops generally doing well.
Burdwan Divn. 3	Beerbhoom, 26th „ „	Nil	Weather milder than last week. State and prospects of crops good. Harvest nearly home. Cold-weather crops doing well.
Burdwan Divn. 4	Midnapore, 26th „ „	Nil	Weather clear and cold. Harvest of late rice still progressing. No change since last report.
Burdwan Divn. 5	Hooghly, 26th „ „	Nil	Weather clear throughout. Wind from north. Prospect of rice where planted out is good; that of cold-weather crops very good.
Burdwan Divn.	Howrah, 26th „ „	Nil	Fine, but less cold than last week. The harvest is being busily worked at and continues to be good.
	Central Districts.		
Presidency Divn. 6	24-Pergunnahs, 28th† Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather dry and cool. The harvest of the late rice continues. Cold-weather crops doing well. Cholera prevailing in thanas Bhangur, Muthoorapore, Debepore, and Kalaroa. Fever has somewhat abated at Barripore.
Presidency Divn. 7	Nudden, 26th „ „	Nil	Seasonable weather. The state and prospects of the crops continue satisfactory.
Presidency Divn. 8	Jessore, 26th „ „	Nil	Seasonable weather. The reaping of the *amun*, or late rice, is not yet finished. Very favorable reports received from all sub-divisions.
Rajshahye Divn. 9	Moorshedabad, 26th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Seasonable weather. Wheat wants rain; other crops going on well Cholera still present in a slight degree.
Rajshahye Divn. 10	Dinagepore, 25th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Bright and cold weather An excellent winter crop is being cut; prospects of other crops are good.
Rajshahye Divn. 11	Maldah, 26th Dec 1874	Nil	Weather fair The reaping of the late rice is still going on. Mustard has begun to ripen. The prospects of the cold-weather crops are good.
Rajshahye Divn. 12	Rajshahye, 26th „ „	Nil	Fine weather, cold with north wind State of the crops generally unchanged. The cold-weather sowings have been completed. Sugarcane and *kulai* pulse are being cut with good results. The fall in prices continues. Little or no sickness reported.
Rajshahye Divn. 13	Rungpore, 25th „	Nil	Weather generally clear and seasonable. Rice harvest is going on well. The general outturn is expected to be good. Cold-weather crops have already been sown
Rajshahye Divn. 14	Bogra, 26th „ „	Nil	Weather same as last week. No change in the prospects of the crops.
Rajshahye Divn. 15	Pubna, 26th „ „	Nil	Fine, clear, cold, and seasonable weather. Harvesting of *amun*, or late rice, and *moony* pulse nearly finished; and that of *kulai* and *arahur* pulses commenced. The prospects of *matore* and *khesaree* pulses, &c., good. Fever continues.
Cooch Behar Divn. 16	Darjeeling, 25th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Becoming cloudy and very cold as though it would snow soon. All the crops are progressing very favorably.
Cooch Behar Divn. 17	Julpigoree	.....	Return not received.
Cooch Behar Divn.	Cooch Behar, 24th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather fine and cold. Prospects of cold-weather crops continue the same as last week. The late rice is being still reaped.

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BENGAL.—(*Contd.*)				
		Eastern Districts.		
Dacca Divn.	18	Dacca, 28th* Dec. 1874	Nil	Seasonable weather. State of crops very favorable.
	19	Fureedpore, 26th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather seasonable and crops good. *Aman*, or late rice harvest, nearly all in. Price of coarse rice the same as last week at Fureedpore, Madareepore, and Bhanga. At Gopalgunge it has risen slightly, owing to large purchases being made for export. No return received from Goalundo. Public health steadily improving.
	20	Backergunge, 24th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather fair and cold. State and prospects of crops good.
	21	Mymensingh, 25th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather cold and fine. State and prospects of crops all favorable.
Chittagong Divn.	22	Chittagong, 24th Dec. 1874	Nil	Seasonable and fine weather. The paddy crop is nearly three-fourths reaped, and promises a very fair outturn. The prospects of the cold-weather crops continue good. Cholera continues to rage, mostly in the Sudder station.
	23	Noakholly, 24th Dec. 1874	Nil	Weather fair. Mornings of 17th, 22nd, and 23rd were slightly foggy. The reaping of the late rice crop is not yet completed. Cold-weather crops progressing favorably.
	24	Tipperah, 25th „ „	Nil	Weather fine and seasonable. The prospects of the crops are very favorable.
	25	Chittagong Hill Tracts, 22nd Dec. 1874	Nil	Foggy in the morning; very cold at night. The prospect of the mustard crop is good. There is no other crop on the ground.
		Hill Tipperah	.....	Return not received.
BEHAR.				
Patna Divn.	26	Patna, 28th* Dec. 1874	Nil	Weather seasonable. Rice crop has been nearly harvested, and the prospect of the cold-weather crop is excellent. Health good.
	27	Gya, 26th „ „	Nil	Cold and seasonable weather. The harvesting of the *aghani*, or late rice, is almost completed; the outturn has been a full sixteen annas. The prospects of the *rubbee*, or cold-weather crops, continue good.
	28	Shahabad, 26th „ „	Nil	Weather cool and fair. *Aghani*, or late rice, all reaped. *Rubbee*, or cold-weather crop, very promising.
	29	Turhoot, 26th „ „	Nil	Fine weather. There is no material change in the prospects of crops since last report. Price of food-grain continues to fall. Public health good.
	30	Sarun, 26th „ „	Nil	Weather seasonable and cold, with westerly wind. The *aghani*, or late rice, has been harvested, and the new rice is coming into the markets in small quantities. Prospects of the cold-weather crops are excellent. Rain is wanted. In some places the crops are being irrigated. Indigo-fields are being prepared for the next year's crop. Poppy plant is everywhere very forward, and is looking very well. Prices stationary. General health good.
	31	Chumparun, 25th „ „	Nil	Weather continues fine and cold. *Rubbee*, or cold-weather crops, coming up very well; also opium. No lack of moisture at present.
Bhagulpore Divn.	32	Monghyr, 26th „ „	Nil	Very cold, with westerly wind. State of crops everything that can be desired.
	33	Bhagulpore, 28th* „ „	Nil	Nothing could be more satisfactory than the state of the *rubbee*, or cold-weather crops, and the outturn of the *aghani*, or late rice crop. General health very good.
	34	Purneah, 26th „ „	Nil	Seasonable weather. Present harvest and prospects of the mustard crop as good as can be wished.
	35	Sonthal Pergunnahs, 26th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Fine weather. Winter paddy three-fourths cut—outturn very good. Mustard crop unusually good.
ORISSA				
Orissa Division	36	Cuttack	...	Return not received.
	37	Pooree, 24th Dec. 1874	Nil	Weather clear and cold. The harvest of the first late rice, or *laghoo* crop, has been completed, with a moderate outturn. The second, or *sarud* rice crop, is ripening and being reaped, partly with a fair outturn. Pulses are generally doing well. Sugarcane is being gathered, with a good outturn. Prices are generally stationary in the district.
	38	Balasore, 25th „ „	Nil	Weather continues fine and dry. Harvesting of the *sarud*, or late rice crop, occupies all available laborers. General prospects of crops satisfactory.

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CHOTA NAGPORE.			
	South-West Frontier Agency.		
39	Hazareebagh, 25th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Days and nights both rather cold; last two days warmer; nights clear. Paddy all out.
40	Lohardugga, 26th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Bright and cold weather. The reports from all parts of the district are good; and the outturn of the *rubbee*, or cold-weather crops, is expected to be large. General health good.
41	Singbhoom, 25th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Seasonable weather. State and prospects of the crops very favorable.
42	Manbhoom, 26th Dec. 1874.	Nil	Weather fair and set. Nothing to add to remarks of last week. The rice harvest all but completed. Outturn good. Cold-weather crops good.

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